

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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5th Sunday of Lent *March 21, 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

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| Monday | Mar. 22 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday | Mar. 23 | 7:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday | Mar. 24 | 5:30 p.m. |
| 6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus | | |
| Thursday | Mar. 25 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Friday | Mar. 26 | 12:10 p.m. |
| | | 5:30 p.m. |
| | | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | Mar. 27 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | Mar. 28 | 10:00 a.m. |

INTENTIONS

Jennie Ortiz +
 Book of Memories / Blessings
 Liv/Dec mem. Bode/Ruskamp families
 MaKenna Ketter
 Special Intention (jls)
 For Reparation and Healing
 * Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
 Phillip & Julie Moran
 People of our Parish

**When God
 measures a man,
 He puts the tape
 around the heart,
 not the head.**

Stewardship: March 14, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$1,320.00
Loose Plate:\$170.86
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day:\$0.00
Total:\$1,490.86

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

Ash Wednesday:\$25.00
 Combined Collection Non-Specified: \$100.00
 American Bishops Overseas:\$25.00
 Black & Indian Collection:\$25.00
 Catholic Communication:\$125.00
 Catholic Home Missions:\$25.00
 Catholic University:\$25.00
 Retired Religious:\$70.00

Parish Calendar

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| Sat./Sun. | Mar. 20/21 | Daughters of Charity Dessert Auction: After 5:00pm and 10:00am Masses | |
| Tuesday | Mar. 23 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm: The Search | |
| Wednesday | Mar. 24 | 6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration | 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom |
| Thursday | Mar. 25 | 1:00pm: Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky) | |
| | | 7:00pm – 8:30pm: The Search | |

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: Mar. 26: NSAA Speech @ Kearney, Mar. 27: Track invite @ Hershey.

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! Our schools create communities that encourage and nurture prayer, and provide safe, welcoming and supportive environments for children. Take the time to see what we have to offer. 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

St. Pat's Breakfast ... Saint Pat's Parish Sunday Brunch is back! It is all new! Menus will change each month! Starts March 21 8:00am-1:00pm at Saint Pat's Parish Hall.

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.

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, Janelle 308-940-1105, pjbjben@yahoo.com.

Family Formation Parent's Meeting ... Our **February Meeting** is on **Sunday, March 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: a **combined April / May Meeting** will be **Sunday, April 25, 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!

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.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, April 12, 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.*

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. 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 Haschke.....Women
Holy Week Retreat for Young Women
Apr. 9-11 Fr. Benjamin Ryneerson Men / Women
"Jesus, You Can Do All Things (Divine Mercy Weekend)
Apr. 15-18 Matt Simmons..... 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)

Wisdom of the Ages ...

Tertullian, a Christian writer who died in the third century, wrote the following: "Thus, you read the word of God, spoken to Jeremias: "Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew thee." If God forms us in the womb, He also breathes on us as He did in the beginning: "And God formed man and breathed into him the breath of life." Nor could God have known man in the womb unless he were a whole man. "And before thou camest forth from the womb, I sanctified thee." Was it, then, a dead body at that stage? Surely it was not, for "God is the God of the living and not the dead." - *De Anima* 26.5

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. **If you missed any sessions, watch ZOOM recording** <https://necatholic.org/news-events/catholics-at-the-capitol.html>

2021 Legislative Issues ... Tue., March 9

Why a Good Catholic Meddles in Politics ... Tue., March 16

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!

Speakers

Dr. Tim Gray ... (President of the Augustine Institute)

Dr. Brant Pitre ... (Distinguished Research Professor of Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology)

Dr. Elizabeth Klein ... (Assistant Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School)

Dr. John Sehorn ... (Assistant Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School)

Dr. Michael Barber ... (Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture and Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology)

Schedule

- 11:00am Welcome (Dr. Tim Gray)
- 11:05am The Last Supper (Dr. Brant Pitre)
- 11:50am The Agony in the Garden (Dr. Tim Gray)
- 12:30am Break
- 12:45am Mission Circle (Dr. Tim Gray)
- 12:50am The Passion of the Christ (Dr. Elizabeth Klein)
- 1:30pm Holy Saturday (Dr. John Sehorn)
- 2:15pm Break
- 2:30pm The Resurrection (Dr. Michael Barber)
- 3:15pm Panel Discussion: Questions & Answers (Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Dr. Michael Barber, Dr. John Sehorn, Dr. Tim Gray)
- 3:55pm Closing Prayer (Dr. Tim Gray)

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.

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 |
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| #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

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| Lector | | |
| Acolyte | | |
| Server | | |
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| Music | | |
| Gifts | | |
| Ushers | | |
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| Rosary | | |

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

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| Saturday: | Mar. 20 | Lenten Weekday (Wk. 4) |
| Sunday: | Mar. 21 | 5th Sunday of Lent |
| Monday: | Mar. 22 | Lenten Weekday (Wk. 5) |
| Tuesday: | Mar. 23 | Lenten Weekday (Wk. 5) St. Turibius of Mogrovejo (<i>Opt. Memorial</i>) |
| Wednesday: | Mar. 24 | Lenten Weekday (Wk. 5) |
| Thursday: | Mar. 25 | The Annunciation of the Lord (<i>Solemnity</i>) |
| Friday: | Mar. 26 | Lenten Weekday (Wk. 5) |
| Saturday: | Mar. 27 | Lenten Weekday (Wk. 5) |
| Sunday: | Mar. 28 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |

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: 3/22 - Rosemary Jones, 3/23 - Johnathan Troyer, 3/25 - Anne Kain, Keaton Hampton, Eidren Hampton, 3/26 - Felicity Heimann.

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

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

Elijah, the Prophets, and Conversion of Heart

2581 For the People of God, the Temple was to be the place of their education in prayer: pilgrimages, feasts and sacrifices, the evening offering, the incense, and the bread of the Presence ("shewbread") – all these signs of the holiness and glory of God Most High and Most Near were appeals to and ways of prayer. But ritualism often encouraged an excessively external worship. The people needed education in faith and conversion of heart; this was the mission of the prophets, both before and after the Exile.

2582 Elijah is the "father" of the prophets, "the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob."³⁰ Elijah's name, "The Lord is my God," foretells the people's cry in response to his prayer on Mount Carmel.³¹ St. James refers to Elijah in order to encourage us to pray: "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."³²

30 *Ps. 24:6* ⁶Such is the generation that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

31 *1 Kings 18:39* ³⁹Seeing this, all the people fell prostrate and said, "The Lord is God! The Lord is God!"

32 *Jas. 5:16-18* ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us; yet he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain upon the land. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the earth produced its fruit.

Pray for our Seminarians: Caleb James Hansen, from St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2020. He is in College 1 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) 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.

Seven Sisters Apostolate Reflection Day ... Thursday, May 6 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, for women already involved in a Seven Sisters Group and those who would like more info about the Apostolate or any Catholic women. The theme will be "Real Women wear Armor." Registration & Continental Breakfast will begin at 8:00am. 8:45am=Scriptural Rosary: 9:15am=Mass (celebrated by Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt), followed by Session #1. Lunch. Session #2, Q & A, and the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet the day. The Day Session will end at 3:00pm. There will also be an **EVENING SESSION** 6:30pm-8:30pm. **Foundress Janette Howe will be our Retreat Leader.** Suggested Fee: \$10.00. Re-registration is required before April 26, 2021. Contact: Joan Ryland, 10148 West Platte Valley Rd, North Platte, NE 6910, Text: 308-520-6800, Email: rylandjoan@yahoo.com