

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord* *March 28, 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](mailto: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. 29	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Tuesday	Mar. 30	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	Mar. 31	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>		
Holy Thursday	Apr. 1	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<i>followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &amp; Adoration until midnight</i>		
Good Friday	Apr. 2	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Holy Saturday	Apr. 3	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>
Easter Sunday	Apr. 4	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

Frank & Florena Schneweis +  
 Mrs. Dorothy Turner +  
 Margaret Ruskamp +  
 Our Pastor & All Priests  
 Stations of the Cross/Seven Last Words  
 -- Good Friday Liturgy --  
 People of our Parish  
 Special Intention (jls)

**Prayer is not a  
 load to be carried,  
 but a gift  
 to be enjoyed.**

## **Stewardship: March 21, 2021**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$3,050.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$298.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** .....\$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$3,348.00

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$50.00  
**Total Gifts Received: .....\$945,623.05**  
**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: .....\$0.00  
 Combined Collection Non-Specified: \$100.00  
 American Bishops Overseas: .....\$32.00  
 Black & Indian Collection: .....\$27.00  
 Catholic Communication: .....\$32.00  
 Catholic Home Missions: .....\$32.00  
 Catholic University: .....\$27.00  
 Retired Religious: .....\$72.00

### **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Mar. 28	<b>11:30am: Family Formation Classes</b> , Parents & Children (in Person and via Zoom)
Monday	Mar. 29	<b>5:00pm Chrism Mass</b> (Cathedral in Lincoln)
Wednesday	Mar. 31	<b>6:00pm - 10:00pm:</b> Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday	Apr. 1	<b>7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> (Adoration until Midnight)
Friday	Apr. 2	<b>12:10pm Stations of the Cross/Seven Last Words</b> <b>7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy</b>
Saturday	Apr. 3	<b>9:00pm Easter Vigil</b>
Sunday	Apr. 4	<b>10:00am Easter Sunday Mass</b>

## **Catholic School News:**

**Upcoming Events:** Mar. 31: Golf @ Cambridge, Apr. 1: NHS Blood Drive, 10:00am- Track @ Sutherland, Apr. 2: No School, Good Friday, Apr. 5: No School, Apr. 6: 7:00pm- 7th Grade Parents Night- This meeting is for all incoming 7th graders. Current St. Pat's students and transfer students. Questions: Contact Mrs. Eickhoff @ 308-532-1874.

**X-PLORE 2021: Who:** Students currently in grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, **When:** Monday, June 7th - Friday, June 11th, 9:00am - Noon, **Where:** McDaid Elementary School, **How:** Fill out & mail in Registration Form, Call the McDaid Office @ 308-532-1874 to pick up a copy, **Cost:** \$65 per student (May 3rd Deadline, T-Shirts are available for \$15). Contact Kasia Wiezorek 532-1874 with any questions.

**2020-21 National Honor Society Induction:** Congratulations to the new inductees! Isabella Arensdorf, Kirstin Brandt, Andrew Brosius, Casey Jett, Michaela Giebler, Madison Gifford, Dakota Guthrie, Jackson Lake, and Kathryn Roberg.

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

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:pjbjben@yahoo.com).

**St. Pat's Breakfast ...** St. Pat's Parish Sunday Brunch is back! It is all new! Menus change each mth (3rd Sun). 8:00am-1:00pm at St Pat Hall.

**Family Formation Parent's Meeting ...** Our April 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.

**Dessert Auction Thank You ...** a huge thank you to all who in any way participated in the Daughters of Charity Favorite Dessert Auction last weekend! We again will be able to provide Altar Breads, candles, wine, & the many social events we support.

**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.

**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 Hanefeld), 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](mailto:rylandjoan@yahoo.com)

**Good Counsel Retreat House Retreats** Register for Online & in person Retreats sponsored by Good Counsel Retreat House [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com), 402-786-2705, or [goodcounsel@cdolinc.net](mailto:goodcounsel@cdolinc.net).

**March - May Schedule:**

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 Rynearson ..... 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)

**The People of Life, Born from the Cross ...**

“When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, ‘It is finished’; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit” (Jn 19:30). Afterwards, the Roman soldier “pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water” (Jn 19:34). Everything has now reached its complete fulfillment. The “giving up” of the spirit describes Jesus’ death, a death like that of every other human being, but it also seems to allude to the “gift of the Spirit”, by which Jesus ransoms us from death and opens before us a new life. It is the very life of God which is now shared with man. It is the life which through the Sacraments of the Church - symbolized by the blood and water flowing from Christ’s side - is continually given to God’s children, making them the people of the New Covenant. From the Cross, the source of life, the “people of life” is born and increases” (The Gospel of Life, n.51).

**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](mailto:jmdavis17@gmail.com).

**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](http://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](http://www.campkateri.org).

**CHRISM MASS ...** On Monday, 3/29/21, the Mass for the Blessing of the Holy Oils (the Chrism Mass), will be prayed in the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln at 5:00pm. At this Mass, over 100 priests will be concelebrating with the Bishop to show the unity of the Church in our own Diocese.

**RICE BOWL OFFERINGS ...** The Church instructs us to bring gifts for the poor in the offertory on Holy Thursday. That would be a very fitting time to bring your Rice Bowl contributions (the fruits of your Lenten fasting & sacrifices) to Church & put in the collection.

**ADORATION on Holy Thursday ...** After the Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday), parishioners are asked to spend one hour in adoration: A-H (11-12), I-P (9-10), Q-Z (10-11).

**COME TO THE EASTER VIGIL ...** In order to fully appreciate the beauty and the mystery of the Easter Vigil, it must begin after dark! This is one of the most impressive and beautiful Masses of the whole Church year. Experience it this year!

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION ...** On Good Friday, the collection will be for the Holy Land. This money is used to maintain the Catholic shrines in the Holy land, to alleviate suffering there among the Christian population & to help retain a Catholic presence in the place where Christ redeemed the world.

**LB364 Advances from Committee! ...** We are now one step closer to giving educational freedom to more families and kids across the state! On Wednesday, LB364, the Opportunity Scholarships Act, was advanced by the Revenue Committee of the Nebraska Legislature. Sponsored & prioritized by Senator Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn, LB364 was voted out of committee with vote of 5-3.

LB364 would provide more scholarship opportunities for low-income children to attend a private school of their choice by creating an income tax credit for donations to scholarship granting organizations. Now it will be considered by the full Legislature & debated on the floor in April or May.

We are so grateful to Senator Linehan who has been a tireless and courageous champion for this bill and Nebraska kids. And we thank each of the Senators listed below for voting ‘YES’ and putting kids first. Please take a moment to send them a note of thanks for their vote on LB364.

Senator Lou Ann Linehan - [llinehan@leg.ne.gov](mailto:llinehan@leg.ne.gov), Senator Joni Albrecht - [jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov](mailto:jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov), Senator Tom Briesche - [tbriesche@leg.ne.gov](mailto:tbriesche@leg.ne.gov), Senator Mike Flood - [miflood@leg.ne.gov](mailto:miflood@leg.ne.gov), Senator Brett Lindstrom - [blindstrom@leg.ne.gov](mailto:blindstrom@leg.ne.gov). Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue! Please contact us with any questions.

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**FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**Scheduled Times for Confession are:**

- Sunday March 28, 7:00pm, St. Patrick, **McCook** (5 Priests)
- Wed., Mar. 31, **4:30pm-5:25pm, 7:00pm-8:00pm** (SEAS)
- Thu. April 1, 8:15pm – 10:30pm, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Fri. April 2, 8:15pm – 10:30pm, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Sat. April 3, 4:00pm – 5:00pm, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

If these times don’t fit your schedule, make an appointment to have your confession heard in the Rectory. **Be Forgiven!**

**MERCY SUNDAY: Novena to the Divine Mercy ...**

We will begin the novena at the service of the Seven Last Words on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross at 12:10pm. Join in praying the Novena & Chaplet daily. Also, please come to the **Holy Hour, Sun., April 11, 3:00pm-4:00pm, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & quiet prayer time.

Be open to the Lord’s mercy, pray for an outpouring of His mercy in your life, in the lives of those you love, and in all persons throughout the world. Be merciful!

**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).**

**If you are going to make your Consecration to St. Joseph on May 1, (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker), you begin the prayers on March 30.**

## Liturgical Ministers

<b>Lector</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b>		
<b>Server</b>		
<b>Music</b>		
<b>Gifts</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Rosary</b>		

## Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	Mar. 27	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 5)
Sunday:	Mar. 28	<b><u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u></b>
Monday:	Mar. 29	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday:	Mar. 30	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday:	Mar. 31	Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday:	Apr. 1	Holy Thursday
Friday:	Apr. 2	Good Friday
Saturday:	Apr. 3	Holy Saturday
Sunday:	Apr. 4	<b><u>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u></b>

**Prayers for the sick:** Daniel Nisley, Spencer Bale, Kim Prenosil, Kerry Heskett (Ben Heskett's sister), Rick Ryan, Sheila Exner, Cathy Leathers, J.D. Troyer, Cindy Ryan, Dean & Janice Large, Jennifer Schmid, 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:** 3/29 - Bob Ryland, 3/30 - Janet Fear, Jack Pieper, 4/3 - Harris Grunden, 4/4 - Michael Krondak.

### 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

**2583** After Elijah had learned mercy during his retreat at the Wadi Cherith, he teaches the widow of Zarephath to believe in the Word of God and confirms her faith by his urgent prayer: God brings the widow's child back to life.<sup>33</sup> The sacrifice on Mount Carmel is a decisive test for the faith of the People of God. In response to Elijah's plea, "Answer me, O LORD, answer me," the Lord's fire consumes the holocaust, at the time of the evening oblation. The Eastern liturgies repeat Elijah's plea in the Eucharistic *epiclesis*. Finally, taking the desert road that leads to the place where the living and true God reveals himself to his people, Elijah, like Moses before him, hides "in a cleft of the rock" until the mysterious presence of God has passed by.<sup>34</sup> But only on the mountain of the Transfiguration will Moses and Elijah behold the unveiled face of him whom they sought; "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God [shines] in the face of Christ," crucified and risen.<sup>35</sup>

**33 Cf. 1 Kings 17:17-24** <sup>17</sup>Some time later the son of the mistress of the house fell sick, and his sickness grew more severe until he stopped breathing. <sup>18</sup>So she said to Elijah, "Why have you done this to me, O man of God? Have you come to me to call attention to my guilt and to kill my son?" <sup>19</sup>"Give me your son," Elijah said to her. Taking him from her lap, he carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>He called out to the LORD: "O LORD, my God, will you afflict even the widow with whom I am staying by killing her son?" <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself out upon the child three times and called out to the LORD: "O LORD, my God, let the life breath return to the body of this child." <sup>22</sup>The LORD heard the prayer of Elijah; the life breath returned to the child's body and he revived. <sup>23</sup>Taking the child, Elijah brought him down into the house from the upper room and gave him to his mother. "See!" Elijah said to her, "your son is alive." <sup>24</sup>Now indeed I know that you are a man of God," the woman replied to Elijah. "The word of the LORD comes truly from your mouth."

**34 Cf. 1 Kings 19:1-14** <sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done – that he had put all the prophets to the sword. <sup>2</sup>Jezebel then sent a messenger to Elijah and said, "May the gods do thus and so to me if by this time tomorrow I have not done with your life what was done to each of them." <sup>3</sup>Elijah was afraid and fled for his life, going to Beer-sheba of Judah. He left his servant there <sup>4</sup>and went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." <sup>5</sup>He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. <sup>6</sup>He looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, <sup>7</sup>but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" <sup>8</sup>He got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. <sup>9</sup>There he came to a cave, where he took shelter. But the word of the LORD came to him, "Why are you here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered: "I have been most zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, but the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to the sword. I alone am left, and they seek to take my life." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD – but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake – but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>After the earthquake there was fire – but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. <sup>13</sup>When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, "Elijah, why are you here?" <sup>14</sup>He replied, "I have been most zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. But the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to the sword. I alone am left, and they seek to take my life."

**Cf. Ex. 33:19-23** <sup>19</sup>He answered, "I will make all my beauty pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce my name, 'LORD'; I who show favors to whom I will, I who grant mercy to whom I will. <sup>20</sup>But my face you cannot see, for no man sees me and still lives. <sup>21</sup>Here," continued the LORD, "is a place near me where you shall station yourself on the rock. <sup>22</sup>When my glory passes I will set you in the hollow of the rock and will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will remove my hand, so that you may see my back; but my face is not to be seen."

**35 2 Cor. 4:6** <sup>6</sup>For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ.

**Cf. Lk. 9:30-35** <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup>As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. <sup>34</sup>While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

**Pray for our Seminarians: Joseph Nicholas Allen**, from St. Mary Parish in Nebraska City. He entered the Seminary in 2017. He is in Theology 3 at St. Charles Borromeo 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.

**(April) Universal intention - Fundamental rights:** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.