

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ***November 22, 2020***

Welcome to St. Elizabeth's: It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here at St. Elizabeth. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. Registration forms are available in the entry racks or contact us anytime at 308-534-5461.

Religious Services

Mass Schedule For Sunday Obligation:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays & Holy Days

As published in the Bulletin.

Rosary

Prayed **8:30 a.m.** Monday mornings, and
30 minutes before weekend Mass.

Sacrament of Confession

Offered 30 minutes before most all daily Masses
Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation class. This is recommended, and easiest to do before the birth of the child, but must be done before the baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

To assist those who plan to marry, all couples will be required to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation policy, which includes the FOCCUS & Engaged Encounter Programs. This requires a minimum of 4-6 months. The assessment process must be completed before a wedding date is set. Contact pastor early to begin the preparation.

Parish Information

Bulletin Deadline

All material is to be submitted to the parish office before noon Wednesday prior to the Sunday it is to appear. Email to: rectory-office@seas-np.org

New or Moving Parishioners

Please call the office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor to register in the Parish. Please call the office to notify us of any address change.

Your Will

Ask your attorney to include remembrance of your Church in your will.

Religious Vocations

Any young woman interested in religious life, or young man interested in a vocation to the priesthood should contact your pastor. Please pray for vocations!

Education

Family Formation Program

Sunday mornings (Sept-May) 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

For those interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church. Usually on Wednesdays (Sept-May), 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please contact the parish office for more information.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday Nov. 23 **8:00 a.m.**
Tuesday Nov. 24 **5:30 p.m.**
Wednesday Nov. 25 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
Thursday Nov. 26 **9:00 a.m.**
Friday Nov. 27 **5:30 p.m.**
Saturday Nov. 28 **5:00 p.m.**
(masks are required at 6:30pm Mass) **6:30 p.m.**
Sunday Nov. 29 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

President Donald J. Trump
Special Intention (jls)
MaKenna Ketter
Patricia Zamora +
Alan Rieker
People of our Parish
Book of Memories / Blessings
Newly Ordained Priests & Seminarians

*I was hungry and
you gave me food,
I was thirsty and
you gave me drink.*

—Matthew 25:35

Stewardship: November 15, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$1,117.00
Loose Plate:\$241.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: (All Saints Day) \$50.00
Total:\$1,408.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:\$896,293.05
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:.....\$1,712,678.04
Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$54,536.89

Propagation of the Faith:\$0.00
Contemplative Sisters:\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sat. & Sun. Nov. 20-21 Fr. Seiker Birthday Gathering after 5:00pm Saturday Mass and after 10:00am Sunday Mass, Parish Hall
Tues / Wed Nov. 24 or 25 **7:00pm–8:00pm: Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family** (come to 1 of the 2 Sessions)
Wednesday Nov. 25 **6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration**

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: Nov. 24: 2:30pm- JH WR @ Perkins Co., 4:00pm- JH GBB @ NPMS, Nov. 25-27: No School

Free Tuition: NPCCS is excited to announce that we are now offering transfers and new families FREE tuition for the 2020-21 2nd Semester.

- * Welcoming students of all Faiths
- * High Average ACT--currently @ a 27
- * 100% Graduation Rate
- * Numerous NSAA Activities.

An application and interview process is in place, with a deadline of December 18, 2020. The free semester will begin on January 4, 2021. We aim to educate the whole child, and promise that you will be making a priceless investment in your child's future. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about our schools, please contact PR/Enrollment Director, Gwen Covey (308-532-1874) or g.covey@npcschools.org.

It's the holiday season – Purchase SCRIP: Remember to utilize the Endowment's SCRIP program for your holiday shopping! SCRIP is your one-stop shop for gift cards! SCRIP offers both local and national retailers, with hundreds of options to choose from. Plus, 2% from all SCRIP purchases is designated for tuition assistance for families at the North Platte Catholic Schools. There are easy ways to purchase SCRIP gift cards: 1) Purchase in-person at the Endowment Office, 601 S. Tabor Ave. between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily. 2) Create an online SCRIP account at: www.shopwithscrip.com using the NPCCS enrollment code 41B837676942 Contact Endowment office any time with SCRIP questions, or place your order: 308-534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org.
North Platte Catholic School: Faith & Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Day of Equipping, Dec. 4-5 in Hastings ... Do you desire to be equipped to live into the fullness that Christ intended for each of His followers? If so, this Two Day Equipping Event, led by Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Center, is for you! During the training, you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice and becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire to do the works that Jesus did and to live more fully into the calling Christ described in John 14:12, we invite you to attend! This Two Day Equipping event takes place at St. Michael Parish (Hastings), Dec. 4-5. Register online www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Scholarships available.

PRAYER TO ST MONICA ... The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has designated the month of November to the Indianola Deanery Council for prayers to St. Monica. We offer our prayers through St. Monica's intercession for the spiritual and physical safety of our children. **Please take time and pray this prayer each day during November.**

O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears moved You to convert her son, Augustine. Help us who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of Your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord. Amen
St. Monica, Pray For Us!

Results of All Things Pumpkin Bake Sale ... Thank you to all who made items for the Daughters of Charity Bake Sale & all those who purchased Bake Sale items. Total raised: \$400.05. God Bless You.

Meal for New Parents ... Andy & Maggie Butler's new baby, Paige Therese, was born 11/11/20. A meal schedule is set for them online via TakeThemAMeal.com. If you want to make them a dinner go to <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/DVJV9230>, or call Emily (520-6673).

Birthday Gathering ... Fr. Seiker's birthday is Nov 21. Cake & ice cream served after Saturday 5:00pm Mass & Sunday 10:00am Mass. Coffee & rolls also served after 10:00am Mass. Social distance is encouraged.

Keep Christ in Christmas! ... The Knights of Columbus will sell religious Christmas cards after Mass beginning Nov. 21/22 until the all the cards are sold. Buy yours early! Send your relatives and friends a card that expresses the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Christmas Card Writing Party! ... **Who:** YOU – each of you! **When:** Sunday, December 13 after the 10:00am Mass. **What:** Join us for music, pre-packaged food, coffee & Hot Chocolate. We will be writing notes into Christmas Cards for parish members who are in Nursing Homes or "staying home" this season. The Kiddos can color bookmarks or holiday pictures while you write a Christmas wish to someone. These cards will be sent in lieu of the usual cookie / fruit plates. If you have a set or a few cards left from another Christmas season, you are welcome to bring them. All other materials will be provided. Please join us for this fun, parish activity. *Joyfully, The Daughters of Charity.*

The King of Life ... The liturgy for today's Feast of Christ the King tells us that his is "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." Indeed, all these realities fit together perfectly. Truth and life go together, because when we know the truth about God's love and care for creation, we will respect all life. When we know the truth about ourselves, that we belong only to God, then we realize we cannot destroy any other person. A respect for life, personally as well as in our laws and policies as a nation, is the first requirement of justice and an absolute condition of peace. And the holier we are, the more we allow God's grace into our every thought and desire, the more we will adhere to truth, defend life, and promote justice and peace.

Grief and the Holidays ... Please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, on Dec. 3 at 7:00pm, as she explores Grief and the Holidays from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one or is suffering from infertility or miscarriage, or those who want to know how to better support a loved one experiencing grief. Free event at Harbor Coffeehouse, & livestreamed. More info. & registration: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief>.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD ...

An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. This plenary indulgence is from **Nov. 1 – 30 (all of Nov. due to COVID-19)** & can be gained on each one of these days. On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

Due to Pandemic: The elderly, the sick and all those who for serious reasons cannot leave their homes, for example because of restrictions imposed by the competent authority in this time of the pandemic, ... will be able to obtain the Plenary Indulgence as long as they join spiritual with all the other faithful, completely detached from sin and with the intention of complying as soon as possible with the three usual conditions (*sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions*), before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, recite pious prayers for the deceased, for example ... the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers for the deceased dearest to the faithful, or read a Gospel passage used at Funerals, or perform a work of mercy by offering to God the sorrows and hardships of their own lives.

Women's Advent Retreat ... invites **all women** to join them for a Mission Night retreat to kick off our journey through Advent together. Join us **Sunday, Nov. 29** from 6:30pm – 9:00pm at **St. Patrick Catholic Church** for a retreat using "*Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family Books*." Cost is \$7 and books will be provided. To register, call 308-532-0942. **Virtual speaker: Laura Kelly Fanucci.** Laura is an award-winning columnist for Catholic News Service. Laura has authored seven books, including *Everyday Sacrament; The Messy Grace of Parenting and Grieving Together; A Couple's Journey Through Miscarriage.* She and her husband live in Minnesota with their Children.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

New Pew Missals are available ... beginning **next Saturday/Sunday**, new Pew Missals will be available in the Narthex of the Church. **Parishioners are asked to pick up a new Pew Missal** and to use it during Mass for the Scriptures, Prayers, and the Music. **After Mass, Please take the Pew Missal home with you and BRING It Back each week!** This is YOUR PEW MISSAL from now until NEXT YEAR, November 26, 2021. These New Pew Missals are for the entire Liturgical Year (**from Nov. 28, 2020 – Nov. 26, 2021**). Whenever you come to Mass, bring it with you. You might want to leave your Pew Missal in your vehicle. There will also be Pew Missals available for Visitors to use for Saturday/Sunday Mass.

Thanksgiving ... Please come to **Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am.** Also, you are invited to bring some canned goods or non-perishable grocery items for the Catholic Food Pantry to the 9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass! You may set them in front of the Altar. If you would like to make a contribution (*cash / check to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*) to the Community Pantry, please put it in a separate envelope in the collection basket. The Parish will take one check (*from Parish*) to the Pantry with the canned goods. Thank the Lord with your fellow parishioners.

Diocese of Lincoln Guidelines (issued 11/10/20):

- Governor Ricketts announced new Directed Health Measures effective Nov. 11-30. <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Directed-Health-Measures.aspx>
- It is now required that there be 6 feet of separation between parties for churches and indoor gatherings. For churches, weddings, and funerals, parties are considered household members only.
- In light of the increased number of positive cases for Covid-19, all parishes are asked to follow the following guidelines for the Diocese of Lincoln up through November 30 and then we will re-evaluate:
 - Every other pew is to be blocked off in order to help facilitate the 6 feet social distancing requirement. [*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton = since May.*]
 - Encourage people to wear masks. [*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton = since May.*]
- **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will begin offering a 6:30pm Saturday evening Mass (beginning Saturday, Nov. 14) where MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN BY ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN MASS.** This is will continue as long as is needed, and/or possible (taking into account schedule limitations). This Mass is in addition to the usual Saturday 5:00pm Mass & Sunday 10:00am Mass. This is will continue as long as is needed, and/or possible (taking into account schedule limitations).]
- Priests and acolytes are to wear masks when distributing Holy Communion. [*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has done this since May.*]
- There should be no congregational singing. Parishes may provide organ or other instrumental music. They may have a single cantor sing. [*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will continue to invite Cantors to lead the singing at Sunday Masses (& Saturday Vigil Masses).* The Congregation may join in the singing in their minds, but not with their voices during this time.]
- Missallettes & hymnals should not be provided for common use but may be provided for single use. [*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton = since Aug. 22.*]
- Continue to clean & disinfect church pews, doors, bathrooms, etc. between Masses. [*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has done this since May.*]
- The Governor's changes now limit Indoor gatherings to 25% of rated occupancy. This does not apply to churches provided 6 feet of social distancing is kept. However, this does apply to use of your social halls or CCD centers. [*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will continue to encourage parishioners to observe a social distance when in the Parish Hall. Teachers and Students have been and will continue to wear masks during the monthly classroom sessions for Family Formation.*]
- You may want to consider splitting your CCD students and having the children attend on alternate weeks. [*Not necessary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church due to small classes & monthly Family Formation meetings.*]
- Please check with & follow your local county health department recommendations & guidelines. [*The WCDHD risk dial is now in the Red area at 3.77. The WCDHD webpage states: "This is guidance and does not replace federal, state, or local directed health measures. At-risk and vulnerable populations should take stringent precautions. The below is recommended guidance to help prevent and control the spread of COVID-19."*]

Parishioners are encouraged to follow the guidance given by the Lincoln Diocese, as well as local & State DHM's & the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention webpages: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html> It is also important to remember that Archbishop Lucas has suspended the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass since March. Anyone who is not comfortable participating in Mass in-person, is not required to participate in Mass in person. We continue to pray for each other.

CONTEMPLATIVE SISTERS (Pink Sisters & Carmelite Sisters) COLLECTION ...

For over forty-seven years now, our Diocese has been blessed to have a Religious Community of Sisters who spend the greatest part of their day before the Blessed Sacrament in their Chapel, praying for us. This community is affectionately known as the Pink Sisters, since the color of their religious habit is pink! It has been a custom in our Diocese to express our thanks to the Pink Sisters by taking up a **special collection on Thanksgiving Day** for the Pink Sisters. In the last twenty years, our Diocese has been blessed with another contemplative community of religious Sisters, the Carmelites, (*Convent is near Valparaiso*). Please help financially support these communities who spiritually support us with their prayers!

Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family ... in preparation for Advent, there is One session (offered 2 times) to introduce Parishioners to a program they can do on their own at home (a meditation & journal book—\$7.00). **Tue., Nov. 24 or Wed., Nov. 25 (both: 7:00pm-8:00pm) in person "Social Distance" or via ZOOM** Meeting ID: 629-734-5912. Password: SEAS2020.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab,5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Prayers for the sick: Vinette Tenopir (Mikie Morlang's mother), Rick Ryan, Sheila Exner, Leo Walz, Cathy Leathers, Tucker Smith, Robert Wessell, J.D. Troyer, Cindy Ryan, Dean & Janice Large, Jennifer Schmid, Steve Haman, Sharon Beckius, Those affected with/by COVID-19, Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Troy Tickle, Iris Wyman Lloyd, Peggy Lawler, 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: 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 Cloutre, 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 Cloutre, Bernadine Torres, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 11/21-Jo Ginapp, Fr. Mark Seiker, Kwei Kucera, Garret Ryland, 11/27 - Jeff Orr, 11/28 - Carolyn Cohen, 11/29 - Yvette Troyer, Liam Pieper.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Coming to the end of the Church year, we can wonder how we got “extreme unction” out of “anointing of the sick.” “Extreme” comes from a Latin phrase, in extremis, which in English refers to the last struggle of a dying person. “Last rites” is a phrase in common usage, and refers to the fact that years ago everyone waited until the last crisis of illness to summon the priest. The goal of anointing had always been healing and forgiveness, but in time it began to be seen as a preparation for death. In a hard world, almost anything from a hangnail to a sneeze could be life threatening, so perhaps the change was inevitable. The emphasis on the penitential aspects was heightened, even to the odd practice of Rome in the twelfth century, when the sick person was sprinkled with ashes mixed with holy water and given a hair shirt as a sign of penance. The reformers thankfully overlooked some of these oddities of history, and today the sacrament of the sick is much more generously applied to persons in a wide range of situations. Still, it is a sacrament of reconciliation, and for that reason is not celebrated for an infant or toddler, although there is a rite for a visit to a sick child not including anointing or Communion. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE SHEPHERD KING ... The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society and kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership. Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will “shepherd them rightly.” We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to “judge between one sheep and another” (Ezekiel 34:17). —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THANKSGIVING ... One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations. — Anonymous

START WITH GRATITUDE ... Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse. — Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: Matthew James Schilmoeller, from North American Martyrs Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in Theology 2 at the North American College in Rome.

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 ...

(November) Universal Prayer Intention – Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.