

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent* *November 29, 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](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	Nov. 30	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Reicher Martinez
Tuesday	Dec. 1	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Special Intention (jls)
Wednesday	Dec. 2	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>			
Thursday	Dec. 3	8:00 a.m.	Ned & Adela Hernandez & Family +
Friday	Dec. 4	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Verna Kellogg +
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Parishioners with Birthday in December
		<i>followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &amp; all night Adoration</i>	
Saturday	Dec 5	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Pope Francis
		<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	People of our Parish
		<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	For our Benefactors
Sunday	Dec. 6	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Roger Wyatt +

*(masks are required at 6:30pm Mass)*

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**Children who watch television night and day will go down in history - not to mention mathematics, geography and grammar.**

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**Be watchful! Be Alert!**

*Mk 13:33*

## **Stewardship: November 22, 2020**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$930.00  
**Loose Plate:**.....\$65.00  
**Children:**.....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** (All Saints Day) ..... \$5.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,000.00

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$960.00  
**Total Gifts Received:.....\$897,253.05**  
 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

NP Catholic Food Pantry:..\$20.00  
 Contemplative Sisters:.....\$10.00

### **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Nov. 29	<b>6:30pm – 9:00pm:</b> Women's Advent Retreat, St. Patrick Church
Wednesday	Dec. 2	<b>6:00pm – 10:00pm:</b> Eucharistic Adoration <b>7:00pm-9:00pm:</b> RCIA Classes
Thursday	Dec. 3	<b>1:00pm:</b> Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)
Friday	Dec. 4	<b>6:00pm – 8:00am (on Saturday):</b> First Friday Holy Hours / Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday	Dec. 6	<b>11:30am:</b> Family Formation, Parents & Children

## **Catholic School News:**

**Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at St. Pat's!**

**Free Tuition:** NPCS is excited to announce that we are now offering transfers and new families FREE tuition for the 2020-21 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) using the NPCS 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**

**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>.

**Family Formation Parent's Meeting ...** Our December Meeting is on **Sunday, December 6, 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!**

**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](http://TakeThemAMeal.com). If you want to make them a dinner go to <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/DVJV9230>, or call Emily (520-6673).

**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.*

**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.

**National Night of Prayer ...** Come let us adore Him! In the womb! The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night of Prayer for Life is **Tuesday, December 8**, from **8:00pm-12:00am**. Join in unity of prayer across America and the entire world in this life-saving event asking for the Blessed Mother's intercession. The Night of Prayer for Life includes Exposition, Adoration, silent prayer, and hymns. Each hour begins with a Mystery of the Rosary. Come and spend some time with our Lord.

**Advent Baby Shower ...** You are invited to an Advent Baby Shower as we anticipate the Good News and the Great Joy of our Savior's birth. During Advent, a cradle will be in the narthex to be filled with items for the needs of the Women's Resource Center. Gift ideas for pregnant mothers and their babies are posted. (*Matthew 25:31-46*).

**Mass of the Holy Innocents ...** The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Monday, December 28. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm. This year, the Mass will take place at Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church due to the pandemic and social distancing measures. The Cathedral is located at 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00pm on Fri. Dec. 18. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

**Active Waiting ...** The Second Vatican Council reflects upon the relationship between the coming of Christ and our activity to prepare for it. In the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, we read, "*Far from diminishing our concern to develop this earth, the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come. ... When we have spread on earth the fruits of our nature and our enterprise - human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom -- according to the command of the Lord and in his Spirit, we will find them once again, cleansed this time from the stain of sin, illuminated and transfigured, when Christ presents to his Father an eternal and universal kingdom...*" (#39). In other words, the spirit of Advent should naturally bolster our pro-life efforts, and the progress we make in promoting human dignity becomes the "building blocks" for the eternal kingdom.

**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](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org). Scholarships available.

**Emmaus Institute Classes ...** Register now for the following in-person or online winter classes with The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies ([www.emmausinstitute.net](http://www.emmausinstitute.net)), running **Nov. 30 - Feb. 18**: Studying Ecclesiastes: A Journey Toward a Meaningful Life, The Historical Books (Joshua-Maccabees), Heaven Help the Home: Recapturing a Biblical Vision of Marriage & Family, and Encountering Jesus in The Gospel of Luke.

**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](http://goodcounsel@cdolinc.net).

**Upcoming in-person and online retreats including:**

- Dec. 4-6: M/W, Fr. Ben Holdren, *The Mystery of Marriage Revealed* (in-person and online)
- Dec. 19: M/W, Fr. Jeff Eickhoff, *God is Not Socially Distant* (9:00am - 4:00pm; in-person and online)

**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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD ...** "It is a holy & pious thought to pray for the dead." 2 Macc 12:45. The best prayer of all is the Mass. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

## **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**New Pew Missals available ...** beginning **THIS** 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. **It might be appropriate to note that our cost last year fiscal year (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020) for missalettes from JS Paluch (recently sold to GIA) was \$1,489.60. The cost for these Pew Missals (same number as missalettes) is \$1,112.50.**

**CHRISTIAN PRAYER (CCC) ...** beginning with this Bulletin, we will no longer be using quotes from the J. S. Paluch Co. on the back page of the Bulletin. **Instead, you are invited to deepen your knowledge and experience of prayer!** The Catechism of the Catholic Church (abbreviated CCC) is arranged in Four Sections: The Profession of Faith (the Creed); The Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Sacraments); Life in Christ (Morality); Christian Prayer. Each week, we will include a paragraph or two from the 4<sup>th</sup> Section of the CCC on Christian Prayer. In addition to the text from the Catechism, the text of the footnotes will also be printed. You are encouraged to read the Catechism and then when you come to a footnote, to go down and read the footnote and integrate and/or synthesize the two together. Also pray about what you have read. Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen your relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in prayer!

**RCIA Classes ...** (Inquiry class in Faith) on Wednesdays in Parish Hall 7:00pm - 9:00pm, will continue until mid May 2021. **It is not too late to join!** Classes for Catholics & non-Catholics. Come, learn more about your faith; offered in **person (with social distance) & virtually.**

**Thanksgiving ...** You are still invited to bring some canned goods or non-perishable grocery items for the Catholic Food Pantry! If you would like to make a contribution (*cash / check to St. Elizabeth Ann Selon*) 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. Be thankful people!

**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! 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 ...** There are a few Meditation/Journal books available for you to use in your Advent prayer time. (meditation/journal book=\$7.00). There are also Advent Resources available on the table in the Narthex & on our webpage.

**Bishop's Appeal for Vocations ... "Peace Be With You".** Our Parish Goal=\$4,510.00 (*our share of the \$800,000 Diocesan goal*). We received 19 gifts totaling \$7,680.00. Last year 40 parishioners gave \$9,967.00. Your gifts and your prayers for our seminarians are much appreciated! Please support the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations.

## 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:	Nov. 28	Saturday 34 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time
Sunday:	Nov. 29	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B</b>
Monday:	Nov. 30	St. Andrew, Apostle ( <i>Feast</i> )
Tuesday:	Dec. 1	Advent Weekday
Wednesday:	Dec. 2	Advent Weekday
Thursday:	Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier ( <i>Memorial</i> )
Friday:	Dec. 4	Advent Weekday; St. John Damascene ( <i>Opt. Memorial</i> )
Saturday:	Dec. 5	Advent Weekday
Sunday:	Dec. 6	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B</b>

**Prayers for the sick:** Vinette Tenopir (Mikie Morlang's mother), Rick Ryan, Sheila Exner, 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:** Leo Walz, 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:** 11/28 - Carolyn Cohen, 11/29 - Yvette Troyer, William Pieper, 12/1 - Denise Burbach, Kate Wartman.

**Congratulations:** to Shane & Jennifer Belgum who celebrate their **20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Dec. 2.**

**Congratulations:** to George & Kwei Kucera who celebrate their **30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Dec. 7.**

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

### SECTION ONE – PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

**2558** “Great is the mystery of the faith!” The Church professes this mystery in the Apostles’ Creed (*Part One*) and celebrates it in the sacramental liturgy (*Part Two*), so that the life of the faithful may be conformed to Christ in the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father (*Part Three*). This mystery, then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer.

#### **WHAT IS PRAYER?**

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.<sup>1</sup>

**1** St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *Manuscripts autobiographiques, C 25r*

**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:** Augustine Xavier Reimers, from St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Seward. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in Theology 1 at St Charles Borromeo 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 ...**

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

**(December) Prayer intention for evangelization - For a life of prayer:** We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ may be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.