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# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst  
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 choir, miscellaneous)  
 Bookkeeper: Natalie Gifford  
 (bookkeeping, Diocesan data  
 entry)

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,  
 Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy  
 Days as posted in bulletin  
 Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-  
 4:35pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:35am  
 Offered any time by appointment.  
 Half hour before Friday Masses  
 for 15 minutes

Baptism

Contact priest to set up  
 appointment.

Matrimony

Contact priest first before date is  
 set and at least 6 months prior.

Classes and retreat required.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact priest or parish office.

Education: CCD, Sundays 11:30am-  
 12:30pm. Rite of Christian Initiation  
 of Adults (R.C.I.A), contact office  
 or pastor for more information.

Office Hours: Mondays-Tuesdays,  
 8:30am-1:30pm. Wednesdays  
 3:00pm-6:30pm

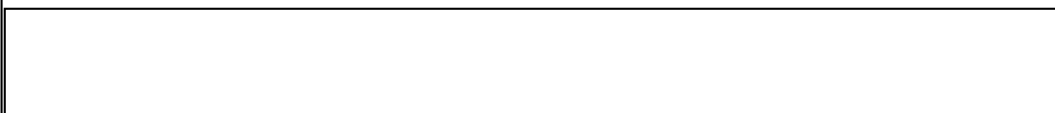
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 Wednesday before the Sunday it is  
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## January 1, 2023: Mary, Mother of God

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<b>Monday 1/2</b>	8:00am	Jennifer Schmid
<b>Tuesday 1/3</b>	8:00am	Jim Safford
<b>Wednesday 1/4</b>	5:30pm	+MSM Priests
<b>Thursday 1/5</b>	7:30am	Vocations to Priesthood/Consecrated Life
<b>Friday 1/6</b>	7:30am	+Martha Burbach & Barb, Jim & Randy
<b>Saturday 1/7</b>	8:00am 5:00pm	+Rosemary Mick Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 1/8</b>	10:00am	+Joseph Klosen

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS January 7-8, 2023 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Loren Baxa	Forrest Kain
<b>Acolyte</b>	Volunteer Needed	Conrad Buhrman
<b>Server</b>	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
	James Krondak	Hans Kain
<b>Music</b>	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Peggy Orr
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	David Gross	Jeff Orr



**Did you know** our Parish Patron Saint's Feast Day always falls on January 4th during the Christmas Season? Prayer for the intercession of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Lord God, you blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton with gifts of grace; As a wife and mother, educator and foundress, So that she might spend her life in service to your people. Through her example and prayers May we learn to express our love for you in love for one another. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for us!

**There will be no** Daughter of Charity meeting on Sunday, January 8. The Knights of Columbus will have their regular meeting on Monday, January 9 at 7:00pm.

**Join us by taking** an hour of Adoration on First Friday evening, through the night, to Saturday morning. Sign up in the narthex. This can be a fruitful and powerful time of grace for those present.

**It was the Sunday** after Christmas at Sts. Peter and Paul's Church. Father John was looking at the nativity scene prior to packing away the figures when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the scene. Immediately, Father John turned towards the rectory in order to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Harry with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus. Father John walked up to Harry and said, "Well, Harry, where did you get the little infant?" Harry replied honestly, "I took him from the church, Father John." "And why did you take him?" With a sheepish smile, Harry said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it."

**Fr. Rand will** be taking on some additional high school Masses on some Wednesdays this month, in addition to his regular Friday Masses, while Fr. Sagar is away.

**Thank you to all** who volunteer their time to keep our church clean, take care of flowers and do the

little odd jobs that help us function. Your generosity not only is appreciated but helps us keep the costs down.

**In continuity** with a custom in many parishes, a dish has been placed at the sanctuary crib scene for donations to be used for the poor. This is a teaching moment, especially in families with little children. Please give the children the opportunity to come close to the scene and share with them your knowledge and faith in what it represents.

**Griefshare Sessions** is offering a 13-week video session from January 4, 2023-March 29, 2023 in the Parish Hall of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (North Platte). Each video is 1.5 hours long. There is a one-time fee of \$20 for the manual. Contact Elaine Bode at 308-386-8679 for more information.

**Walk for Life, Lincoln:** There's something NEW with the annual Nebraska Walk for Life! In celebration of the reversal of Roe v Wade, the inaugural Walk for Life Gala, a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life, will be held the night before the Walk. Come for either or both. This year's featured speaker, Dr. John Bruchalski, will be participating in both events, and will describe his journey from a physician performing abortions to a leading light in pro-life medicine. Tickets for the Gala, which will be at Embassy Suites in Lincoln on Friday, January 27, 2023, are \$50, and can be purchased online at [nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2023](https://nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2023), or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (noting it is for Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. The Nebraska Walk for Life on January 28 begins at the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. followed by the walk to the UNL Student Union and Dr. Bruchalski's keynote speech at 11:30.

**Called to the Silence: 3 Day Ignatian Retreat Opportunity:** God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away after the holidays? Steep yourself in the sacred space of the Creighton University Retreat Center, just one hour east of Omaha, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an Ignatian-trained spiritual director daily to reflect on what's stirring in your heart. Opportunity for mass daily and

confession. Retreat cost including room and meals is \$350. Choose one of the 4 opportunities to attend. January 19-22, 2023, February 23-26, 2023, April 13-16, 2023, May 4-7, 2023 Register at [Creighton.edu/curc](http://Creighton.edu/curc)

**Wanting to schedule** a retreat for next year? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House has their NEW 2023 Spring Retreat Schedule. Join Fr. Eric Clark for “Becoming Apostles of Mercy” Retreat on Jan. 13-15. On Jan.19-22, Good Counsel will host the “Meet Me at the Well: Women’s Spiritual Exercises”. Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shoot** for boys and girls ages 9-13 will be January 15 at St Patrick’s at 1:00pm. Mark your calendars!

**The Catholic Daughters of America** 1549 Court of Our Lady of Fatima will meet at 1:30 pm Saturday January 7 at St Patrick’s Spiritual Life Center.

**The first Teaching Rock of 2023** will be Wednesday, January 4. It will be a celebration of fellowship with an amusing test (and answers) on just how well you know your new pastor, or think you know him, after 6 months. All are asked to bring a snack to share with each other. It will begin at 6:15pm.

**Please mark your calendars** for Sunday, January 8 for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast from 8:30am-12:30pm (with assistance from the Daughters of Charity). This will be serving as our Parish Feast Day Celebration. We hope all parishioners join in fellowship, as we both celebrate our parish family and begin a new calendar year. Please also invite neighbors to come and support the Knights breakfast, who so generously support the parish and greater Church.

**A reminder that if the** weather is too dangerous to travel or causes icy grounds, one should stay home with total peace of mind. This also would include if

one is ill or taking care of a family member who is ill. The higher degree of charity is to remain home and not infect anyone else.

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**Feast of the Epiphany** – January 6<sup>th</sup>, The Epiphany blessing is a simple blessing written on the main entrance door of your home as follows: The first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the New Year. So this year, it would look like this for English speakers: 20 + C + M + B + 23. The meaning behind the letters C + M + B There are traditionally two meanings behind the letters C, B, and M The initials of the wise men: Caspar, Balthazar, and Melchior The first letters in the Latin Phrase: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (meaning May Christ Bless this House). What do I need to bless my home? Holy Water , Chalk, A Door, The Actual Blessing of your home Make the sign of the cross and sprinkle some holy water on the door. Then, recite a simple prayer like the following or similar: “Loving God, bless this household and all who enter. May all who pass through this door be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and a desire to do your will. We ask this through Christ Jesus, our only Savior and King. Amen” You can find more extended Epiphany Blessings online if you wish. If you have more than one person in your home, each person can take a turn writing the letters over the door and blessing the home. This might be a beautiful way to have your entire family involved in the blessing and can be a wonderful reminder that your family reflects the presence of Christ’s love all year round!

**Beginning January 2, 2023** we will incorporate a short parish prayer at the end of all Masses. This prayer includes, in part, the St. Michael Prayer after Mass.

**Bible Study Online:** The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is now accepting registrations for a five-week course titled Opening the Word: Catholics and the Bible. The course will meet in person on Monday evenings (6:30-8:30pm) beginning January 9, but will also be available to

watch by video (typically posted the following day, with class notes). Opening the Word is designed to familiarize students with the Bible generally, preparing them to read, study, pray, love, and live the Sacred Scriptures. It is the first of two interterm courses built into our Creation to New Creation program, but everyone is welcome to register for this beneficial course. Learn more and register at [www.EmmausInstitute.net](http://www.EmmausInstitute.net)

**Pope Francis' Intentions for January: For**

**Educators:** We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**Join Ascension Press** in a great New Year's resolution that will change your life! Let's read the entire Catechism in a year using "The Catechism in a Year" podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning January 1, 2023. By listening to this podcast, we will: Read the entire Catechism in 365 days, Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter and transform our relationship with the Church that Christ founded. Each of the daily episodes will be about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen for your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group. Don't miss out on this opportunity to finally understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life! Please click this link to learn more and join us on this journey through the Catechism: [www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish](http://www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish)

**This Christmas, don't forget God's little ones!** Our parish will be hosting an Advent Baby Shower. A crib is in the church entry for gifts for God's children. The Baby Shower runs from Nov. 27 until Jan 8, 2023. Gifts will be donated to the Women's Resource Center.

**St. Pat's School News:** School will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2023!

**Villa Marie School's annual fundraising dance** and auction Shine Like His Stars 2023, is January 27th at Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. It's time to purchase your general admission tickets, reserve

a table, bid on auction items, or make a donation. Text vmdance23 to 243725, [bidpal.net/vmdance23](http://bidpal.net/vmdance23).

**Prayer Intentions:** Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul.  
Wilma Reeves, ☩Msgr. Ivan Vap