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# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. John Birkel  
Parish Coordinator:  
Ashley Perlinger (Ministries,  
website, sign, choir,  
miscellaneous)  
Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,  
Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy  
Days as posted in bulletin  
Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-  
4:30pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:30am  
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: Family Home Study or  
Catholic School; Adult Entry into  
Catholic Faith (O.C.I.A), contact  
office or pastor for more  
information.

\*All bulletin news due at noon the  
Wednesday before the Sunday it is to  
appear. Email [rectory-office@seas-np.org](mailto:rectory-office@seas-np.org).\*

### January 4, 2026: The Epiphany of the Lord

#### *Mass Intentions*

Monday 1/5	No Mass	
Tuesday 1/6	No Mass	
Wednesday 1/7	No Mass	
Thursday 1/8	No Mass	
Friday 1/9	No Mass	
Saturday 1/10	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 1/11	10:00 am	NP Alumni Book of Memories/Blessings

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

January 10 – 11, 2026 (The Baptism of the Lord)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Loren Baxa	Damon Green
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Duane Johnsen
Server	Jeffrey Peiffer	James Green
	Volunteer Needed	Will Vapenik
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

**Stewardship: December 25, 2025:** Christmas- \$4,835, Christmas Flowers- \$10,  
Loose Plate- \$1,330.06- \$6,175.06, **December 28:** Adult- \$2,401, Christmas- \$20,  
Loose Plate- \$171 Total- \$2,401.00, **January 1, 2026:** Adult- \$785, Loose- \$289.15,  
Total \$1,074.15

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Thank you to all who donated in order to honor loved ones with Christmas Poinsettias. Intentions were for the following in honor/memory of:

Otto, Virginia, and Lynn Weskamp, and Robert and Anita Nisley

Joe Polski, Genevie Polski, Bertha Monson, and John Monson

David Moss, Vince Mordja Jr., and James R. Moss  
Nancy Vandenberg, Mike & Kim Paul, Maureen McClendon, and Rick Ryan

Don Exner

Fred & Lindy Bode, Ray & Margaret Ruskamp  
Al Robinson

Jesse & Bernadine Torres, Bidal & Emilia Cabrera

**Feast Day Celebration** - All Parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend our Parish celebration on St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day, Sunday, January 4, 2026 following the 10:00am Mass. We will have a potluck meal in the Parish Hall with fried chicken, drinks, and table service provided by the Daughters of Charity. The remainder of the meal will be potluck, with those attending being asking to bring a side dish, dessert, or both. This is a time to deepen our ties as a spiritual family and for fellowship. Please mark your calendars to attend.

**The 2026 Walk for Life Gala**, a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life, will be held the night before the annual Walk for Life. Come join your fellow pro-lifers for either or both. The featured speaker at both events is Nick Freitas, a Green Beret combat veteran and member of the Virginia House of Delegates, where he has been known for his oratory and floor debates. A leading advocate for conservative policies and philosophies, Nick is regularly featured on Fox News and has amassed a social media following of over 5 million followers. Tickets for the Gala, which will be at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel on Friday, January 30, 2026, are \$75, and can be purchased online at the NRL website, nebraskarighttolife.org, or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (noting it is for Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. Information on purchasing tables and sponsorships is also on the website. Registration deadline is January 22 (no ticket sales after this date). The Walk for Life on January 31 begins at the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m., followed by walking around the Capitol and then assembling in the Cornhusker

Marriott to browse informational booths before hearing once more from Nick Freitas. The Walk is preceded by the Mass across from the Capitol at St. Mary's Catholic Church, at 9:00 a.m. For questions, contact Nebraska Right to Life, 402-438-4802, [nebraskartl@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskartl@gmail.com).

**Marriage Encounter Experience** at North American Martyrs Church: Feb. 20-22 in Lincoln, "Communicating Enhancing Our Marriage. "Register right-away to save a place. Call/Text 402-370-5839

**Knights of Columbus CAN** turn your aluminum cans into additional funding for our charitable work in the parish and community. Please place them in blue bin at southeast corner of parking lot. Thank you.

**Friends of Christ in the Midst of the World — Men's Retreat, January 16–18, 2026** | With Bishop Robert Finn. Men of all ages are invited to a weekend of quiet, prayer, and renewal at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Bishop Finn will guide participants in reflections on the Plan of Life, the call to holiness, and our identity as sons of God. The retreat begins Friday with a 7:00 p.m. conference and Rosary, and concludes Sunday with Mass and noon lunch. Attend in person or register for the virtual option. Register at: [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org)

**Life: An "Epiphany" of God**: "Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34).

**Please pray for** Sr. Kateri Toler of Mobile, AL. She is a Junior Sister at the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

**Please pray for** Jacob Knutson of North American Martyrs Parish in Lincoln. He is in Theology 3 at Mount Saint Mary Seminary.

**Prayers Requests:** Jerry & Sharon Beckius, +Erika Schmidt, +Fred Dick, +Barb Batie +Paul Nordquist