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# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 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

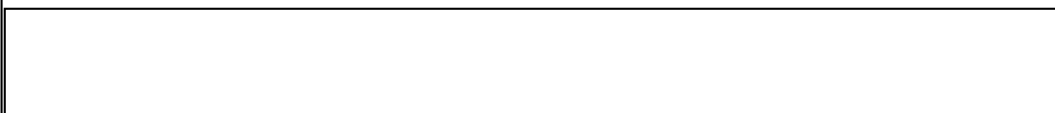
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## January 8, 2023: The Epiphany of the Lord

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<b>Monday 1/9</b>	8:00 am	+MSM Priests
<b>Tuesday 1/10</b>	8:00 am	Joseph & Kayla Brewer
<b>Wednesday 1/11</b>	5:30 pm	+Mary Safford
<b>Thursday 1/12</b>	8:00 am	+Mary Hallquist
<b>Friday 1/13</b>	8:00 am	David Safford
<b>Saturday 1/14</b>	5:00 pm	Missa pro Populo
<b>Sunday 1/15</b>	10:00am	+Robert Scott Forrester

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS January 14-15, 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	John Bode	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Michael Krondak	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Keaton Hampton
	Alex Krondak	Eidren Hampton
<b>Music</b>	Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Swanson	Spencer Hampton



**Congrats!** Those participating in the Advent Challenge of generosity collectively gave \$2831.00. Blessings on all who gave and prayed for its success! Donations are being put toward the expenses of our summer CCD and helping families struggling to afford spiritual opportunities for their children in our Diocese and area.

**A little girl was talking** to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

**Thank you to all** who helped clear the snow from our recent storm. May God bless you for the gift of your time and talents!

**“What was the first rule** of our dear Savior’s life? You know it was to do his Father’s will. Well, then, the first end I propose in our daily work is to the will of God. Secondly to do it in the manner He wills; and thirdly to do it because it is His will.”—  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**A white candle** will burn by the statue of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton to remind us to continually pray for our parish family and each other’s intentions, as we honor our patroness.

**THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN** requires its employees and volunteers report any allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska Law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish, Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that

immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

**Pilgrimage to Greece:** The Footsteps of St. Paul the Apostle Lead by Fr. Brendan Kelly May 31 – June 9 informational meeting Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00pm, St. John’s Social Hall, 7601 Vine. Anne Fuldbby-Olsen, who is from Greece and who created the itinerary, will lead the meeting. For brochure: <https://executivetravel.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Footsteps-of-Apostle-Paul-2023-Fr.-Brendan-Kelly-CATGR23-e-version-09292022-UA.pdf> or call Barb Wallingford 402-430-5811

**The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith**—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way. This Bible study starts on Monday January 30 at 7:00 pm at Holy Spirit- North Platte. Registration deadline is January 16 and the cost is \$30. Call Holy Spirit at (308) 534-6623 or stop by the office to register.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE:** "Becoming One in Heart and Love together, through Our Couple Communication." Feb. 10-12 in Lincoln. Call right away to reserve a place. Contact Gary & Brenda Granger, 303-604-6202.

**McCook St. Patrick & St. James Game Feed:** Tables are available for purchase for the Feb. 18th event at the Curtis Community Center. Advanced tables are available for \$300 (50 total tables). The advanced purchase gets you a reserved seating for 8, an appetizer tray for the table, and 8 drink tickets. Call the McCook rectory or Fr. Kimminau’s cell, (402) 480-4137, to reserve your spot.

### **Confirmation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish**

with Bishop Conley will be held at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, February 18.

**Scandal, division, disease, doubt.** The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal. In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation. Find out more about this effort through the website <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

**The students of NPCS** are engaging in another humanitarian service project and they are asking for the support of the North Platte community and surrounding area. A year ago, these students partnered with local retired optometrist, Dr. Kim Baxter, in his mission to help the impoverished people of western Kenya. They set out to raise \$3500 to replace the text books and school supplies that were lost in a fire that destroyed a school and boarding house for orphans. Due to strong support from the North Platte area communities, they raised over \$12,000! The additional funds raised were used to fund medical camps for the children, including the immunization of many against typhoid. This year, the students are hoping to raise \$10,000 to rebuild one of the classrooms that was destroyed in that same fire, nearly two years ago. They are also collecting used eyeglasses, in support of Dr. Baxter's eye care mission to benefit people of all ages, in that same area of western Kenya. Within the next few weeks, several of the students will be giving talks at area churches, both catholic and protestant, hoping to raise awareness and support of their project. For those who wish to contribute, they can deliver or mail their check to either St. Patrick's High School or McDaid Elementary School. Donated eyeglasses can also be delivered to either of the schools. They ask that checks be made out to

their partnering organization, "North Platte Rotary Club".

**Join a half-day Pro-Life retreat** by Sr. Deirdre Byrnes: religious sister, medical doctor, patriot. "Witnessing to Life No Matter the Cost" at John XXIII Center, Lincoln on Thurs. Jan. 19, 8:30am-2:00pm, sponsored by OneHeartOneMind. Space is limited: email [prolifeinitiative@protonmail.com](mailto:prolifeinitiative@protonmail.com) or Venmo \$25 to [@goodcounselretreat](https://www.instagram.com/goodcounselretreat) by Jan. 16; includes lunch.

**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.

**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](https://www.creighton.edu/curc)

**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!

**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.

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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!

**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.

**St. Pat's School News:** **Jan. 9:** 4:00PM- JH G & B Bball vs. Hershey, **Jan. 10:** 4:00PM- G & B Bball vs. Mullen, **Jan. 11:** 2:00PM- JH G & B Bball @ Maxwell, 6:30PM- Activities Assoc. Meeting, **Jan 12:** 3:00PM- JH G & B Bball vs. Chase County, 5:30PM- WR @ Hershey (Quad), **Jan. 13:** 11:00- WR @ Elm Creek, 4:30PM- G & B Bball VS. Overton, **Jan. 14:** 8:00AM- Speech @ Wallace, 10:00AM- WR @ Sandhills-Thedford. **Catholic Schools Week:** During this week it gives us the opportunity to recognize and thank everyone for helping us keep our school successful. This week is also another opportunity for us to share all that a Catholic education has to offer. If you have ever considered NPCS, please contact us today! A faith-based education is a decision you won't regret making! **Word is out...** NPCS is the place to be! Begin as a Little Leprechaun... and finish as a St. Pat's grad. An investment in your child's education is something you won't regret! We offer a challenging curriculum, a focus on service, and daily spiritual development. Enrollment is NOW open. Preschool through 12th grade. Register early to save your spot. Call 532-1874 to learn more and schedule a tour.

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