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# ST. ELIZABETH

# ANN SETON

# CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst  
 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.\*

## January 19, 2025: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<b>Monday 1/20</b>	8:00 am	Siblings of J & M
<b>Tuesday 1/21</b>	7:00 am	Lois & Jerome Tollefson family
<b>Wednesday 1/22</b>	5:30 pm	+Don Exner
<b>Thursday 1/23</b>	8:00 am	Liv/Dec members of DOC
<b>Friday 1/24</b>	8:00 am	Vocations to Priesthood & Consecrated Life
<b>Saturday 1/25</b>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro populo
<b>Sunday 1/26</b>	10:00 am	MaKenna Ketter

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

#### January 25-26, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector/Reader</b>	Jim Nisley	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Alex Krondak	Liam Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Xavier Pieper
<b>Music</b>	Monica Mordja	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve & Janet Fear	Dave Beran

**Stewardship 1-12-25: Adult \$1717.00 Solemnity of Mary \$20.00  
 Maintenance \$50.00**

**Thank you to Ron** Tejral and Mike Herout for replacing a sanctuary light.

**Thank you to all** who helped put away Christmas trees and decorations, and to the Knights of Columbus for putting them in storage.

**First Penance** will be Saturday, February 1 at 8:30 am for the four preparing and their families. Please pray for Jase Vapenik, Josephine Peiffer, Jack Pieper, and Laura Miller- this year's First Communion class. First Communion will be April 27 on Divine Mercy Sunday.

**The Knights of Columbus will** be hosting the One Rose, One Life Campaign on the weekend of January 25-26 in our Parish.

**Yearly Contribution** statements for 2024 are ready. If you would like yours, please let Fr. Rand know.

**North Platte Theology on Tap is Sunday, January 19** at Apeship Brewery at 6 pm with Kevin & Jennifer Fuller. For ages 21-45. First drink is free. Complimentary snacks.

**Steve Angrisano will present** in North Platte at Holy Spirit Church on Tuesday, January 28 at 7 pm and also to the Catholic schools early in the day. All are invited to the evening event. Steve is an internationally recognized Catholic composer, presenter, and passionate music missionary. He has traveled around the world and shares his unique blend of humor, story and song—connecting head to heart, renewing faith and inspiring young and old alike.

**The 3rd Annual Walk for Life Gala** will be held the night before the annual Walk for Life. Come join your fellow pro-lifers for

either or both. Speaking at the Gala will be Jim Caviezel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in "Passion of the Christ" and most recently starred in the movie "Sound of Freedom." Tickets for the Gala, which will be at the Embassy Suites Convention Center, LaVista on Friday, January 31, 2025, are \$75, and can be purchased online at [nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025](http://nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025), or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (noting it is for Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. Registration deadline is January 17 (no ticket sales after this date).

**The Walk for Life is on** February 1 with a Pro-Life Mass (sponsored by Nebraska Catholic Conference) at 9 AM Mass at Lincoln Saint Mary's Church (Downtown), and then the Walk begins on the North steps of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. A new route this year will be taking us to the Cornhusker Hotel, where you can browse informational booths and hear speaker Elizabeth Gillette's keynote speech at 11:30 a.m. For questions, contact Nebraska Right to Life, 402-438-4802, [nebraskartl@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskartl@gmail.com).

**A Card collection box** for a Catholic Daughters Project is in the narthex. It is to collect Christmas card fronts. The box will be picked up at the end of January.

**Marriage Encounter Weekends:** Learn how to love your spouse by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Feb. 14-16, 2025, Lincoln, NE; Aug. 8-10, 2025, Littleton, CO. For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. For more info about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

**Fr. Joseph Steele is leading** a Jubilee Pilgrimage through Canada and Eastern US, September 29 – October 8, 2025. This tour includes Quebec City, Montreal, Albany NY, Stockbridge MA, Niagara Falls, and more. For more information, go to [executivetravel.com](http://executivetravel.com) under the Vacation/Escorted Tours and scroll down to September for the official brochure, itinerary, and costs. Contact Barb Wallingford (402-430-5811) for more information or call Executive Travel (402-435-8888) to sign up. Limited spots are available! It will fill quickly so don't delay!

**The Mass of the Americas** will be performed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, October 3-9. Composer Frank La Rocca, conductor Richard Carrillo, and celebrant Archbishop Cordileone are part of the trip. Choir members & families can register here: <https://www.wetravel.com/trips/diocese-of-lincoln-festival-choir-mass-of-the-americas-mexico-city-jubilate-tours-50372936>. The Diocesan Choir coordinator for this event is Stacy Pfeifer, you can reach out to her directly at [stacyleedickes@hotmail.com](mailto:stacyleedickes@hotmail.com). This promises to be a choral and pilgrimage experience of a lifetime!

**The Diocese of Lincoln** requires that 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.

**Starting January 1, 2025,** all clergy, religious, lay employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Lincoln are required to complete and/or renew safe environment training in the month of January. This will require a new background check if there is no current one on file or if a previous one has expired.

This training does not change the policy on background checks, which requires a background check be completed every five (5) years. Anyone whose duties, ministries or organizations that include any contact with minors are required to complete safe environment training (e.g. CCD teachers and aides, acolytes, lectors, readers, youth choir director or organizations such as Altar Society or Knights of Columbus where children may help). All clergy and religious, regardless of assignment or ministry, are required to complete safe environment training in January 2025. Thereafter, all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers (in contact with youth) will renew training every January. Go to [www.cmgconnect.org](http://www.cmgconnect.org) Choose organization Lincoln and follow directions At the end of the background check segments mark it to be paid for by the diocese. Thank you to those who have already completed this.

**The Daughters of Charity** will meet on Sunday, January 26 in the Parish Hall at 11 am.

**God, Our Spouse and Lord of Life:** “As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you.” Today’s first reading from Isaiah shows us how much God delights in human life. He rejoices in us as in a bride. He gives himself to us as a bridegroom is called to do for his beloved. He protects and defends us, and leads us to the life that never ends. His commitment to humanity is the source of ours. Like him, we are to give ourselves for the good of others, starting with the most vulnerable lives – children at the very beginning of their development in the womb. This week, hundreds of thousands of Americans will march in Washington, in San Francisco, and in many other cities at this time of year calling for the protection of these children from abortion. These events coincide with our nation’s honoring of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose dream of equality for all under the law needs to be applied now to the children in the womb. This is a work around which Christians of all denominations should unite, and this week also marks the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

### **EMMAUS INSTITUTE SPRING COURSES:**

Registration for Emmaus Institute spring courses is now open, including a free course, Theology of the Body, taught by Dr. John Kincaid. For the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, Chad Steiner is teaching a course titled The Nicene Creed: What Christians Believe and Why It Matters (Tuesdays). Other courses include The New Testament Letters and Revelation (Mondays), Elementary Biblical Greek II (Wednesdays), and Laughing with God: Humor in the Bible (Thursdays). Courses are either six or twelve weeks in length, beginning the week of February 17 and concluding the week of May 13. Learn more and register via the QR code or at [www.EmmausInstitute.net](http://www.EmmausInstitute.net)

**In partnership with** the Nebraska Catholic Conference, you are invited to attend our 6th Annual Pro-Life Coffee on Saturday, February 15, at Riverside Golf Club, 2820 Riverside Drive, in Grand Island. This is a free event and opportunity to meet State Senators, engage with officials fighting for life, and hear from Pro-Life leaders about potential legislation. Doors open at 8:30 AM. Light breakfast will be served. RSVP at <https://gidiocese.org/prolife>, call 308-382-6565

**Silent Ignatian Preached Retreat with Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J.**, March 13-16, 2025. This retreat invites you into a deepening of relationship with God as you enter the Lenten journey. These three days of prayer and reflection will center on God's meeting Abram and three of His Apostles as they are. We'll journey with them as they are invited to a deepening of their relationship with God. No pointing of Divine Fingers but more the invitation to experience God's fidelity to our human fears and questions. Time will be spent in being who we are in God's loving gaze rather than preparing or changing our behavior to do what we should. Cost: \$425 per person, including room and meals. Location: Creighton University Retreat Center located one hour east of Omaha. Register at

<https://www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats/3-day-silent-ignatian-retreat>

One winter tourist to another: If you think it is cold here try going to Canada. Their expression that you think something is very, very cold sums it up. **Colder than a brass toilet seat in the Yukon** (The Yukon is a province in the northwest of Canada that is one of the coldest places on earth. Temperatures can drop to a staggering minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit.)

**Candlemas Day** (Feb 2) is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. According to the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), when a woman bore a male child, she was considered "unclean" for seven days. On the eighth day, the boy was circumcised. The mother continued to stay at home for 33 days for her blood to be purified. After the 40 days, the mother and the father came to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice — a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves. Note Joseph and Mary made the offering of the poor (Lk 2:24). Candlemas Day also was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went as follows: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight. / If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again." So if the bright sun "overshadows" the brightness of Candlemas Day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas Day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near. In America, Protestants decided we should replace Catholic Candlemas Day with Groundhog Day.

**Prayer Requests:** (ill) Fran Gill +Bette Moeller + Margaret Anderson