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ST. ELIZABETH

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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 26, 2025: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 1/27	8:00 am	+Sylvester Ritter
Tuesday 1/28	7:00 am	+Kathy McBroom
Wednesday 1/29	5:30 pm	+Don Barnes
Thursday 1/30	8:00 am	+Frank Yeck
Friday 1/31	8:00 am	+Don & Peggy Fleecs
Saturday 2/1	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 2/2	10:00 am	+Gary Ryland & family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

February 1-2, 2025 (The Presentation of the Lord)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Loren Baxa	Michael Krondak
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Ron Tejral
Server	Alex Krondak	Kolbe Tejral
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Monica Mordja	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Galen Warburton	Jacque Carpenter

Stewardship January 20, 2025: Adult \$ 2092.00, Maintenance \$185.00

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.

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 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.

North Platte Holy Spirit Catholic Church Free Will Breakfast, January 26, 2024 After the 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses Proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to help the with the expenses of bringing Father Sagar's mother here from India for a visit later this year.

Join us for North Platte Theology on Tap, held every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm at Ape ship Brewing. Engage with compelling Catholic speakers exploring a variety of fascinating topics, all while enjoying great company and good times. It's the perfect blend of faith, fellowship, and fun! Theology on Tap is for young adults ages 21-45. Apeship Brewing is located in the historic Canteen District. The first drink is free, and complimentary light snacks will be served. Upcoming dates: Feb 16, Mar 16 and Apr 27 (a week later than normal) before a summer break. On Face book at:

facebook.com/people/ Theology-on-Tap-NP/61551091270194/

Mark your calendars--North Platte St Patricks June 3 - Don't Miss Dr. Ray Guarendi, a renowned psychologist and radio host, in person on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025 at 7:00pm. Dr. Ray is an authority on parenting and behavioral issues as well as a well-known author. He is an advocate of common sense approaches to child rearing and discipline issues. Dr. Ray is heard on Spirit Catholic

Summer Youth opportunities are just around the corner. Registration opens February 1st—these retreats are popular and fill up within weeks, so register now! For more information, or to register: gidioese.org/youth-events For Current High Schoolers (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors): -Higher Ground (Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford) May 25-30, 2025 or June 1-6, 2025 -Steubenville of the Rockies: (Denver) July 25-27, 2025 For Those Completing 6th-8th Grade: -Higher Ground Xtreme Faith: July 6-10, 2025 (Camp Maranatha, Maxwell) For 1st grade-12th Graders -**Totus Tuus**: a powerful immersion in Catholic culture! (St. Patrick's Parish Hall) -Grade School: July 14-18 (daytime) -Junior High & High School : July 13-17 (evenings) Registration opens late spring.

Candlemas is celebrated February 1-2 on Presentation of the Lord. There will be a blessing of candles brought from home at the end of Mass. February 2nd is 40 days after Christmas and the day when Mary and Joseph presented the child Jesus in the temple. The Church commemorates this event with a blessing of candles at Mass. Blessed candles can be lit during individual or family prayer time and also during storms to invoke God's protection over your home. They can be any candle type of any color. Please place them in front of the altar before Mass and pick them up immediately after Mass.

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. Contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. For more info about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, visit www.wvme.org

A farmer walked into a bar and saw the local tractor salesman sitting there, head hung low, obviously upset, drowning his sorrows. "What's up, John?" asked the farmer. "Gosh Bob, I'll tell you what ... if I don't sell a tractor soon, I'm gonna have to close my shop." "Now John, things could be worse," said Bob. "How do you figure?" asked John. "Well, John - you know my 'ornery cow, Bessie? I went to milk her this morning and she just kept flicking her tail in my face. So I grabbed a piece of rope and tied it up to the rafter. Then, the nasty thing went and kicked the bucket away! So I tied her leg to the wall. Then she kicked my stool right out from underneath me! But I was out of rope. So I took my belt off and used it to tie her other leg to the other side of the stall. Well wouldn't you just know it...my pants fell down." "And John, if you help me convince my wife that I was truly in there to MILK that cow, I'll buy a tractor from you

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 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!

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 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.

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

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.

KC breakfast. Free Will offering. Sunday February 9 from 8:30 am-Noon in the parish hall. Please help support our local Knights.

KC meeting will be Monday February 10 at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Register diocesan newspaper collection is Feb 1-2. Please be as generous as your means allow. Suggested minimum is \$15 per family. Envelopes are included in your mailed packets.

The fact that we know that we are right about the sacred value of human life should make us humble and more determined to spread this message by the love shown in our lives and our willingness to be servants of life. As St. John reminds us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 Jn 1:8). Pro-lifers are convinced – mightily convinced – of the boundless mercy of God. That is the light we bring to the world: the truth about God’s love, about forgiveness, about the beauty of human life in all its stages and states.” J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, Canada, Homily at Holy Innocents Annual Pro-Life Mass, January 12, 2010

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, NE, offers a variety of upcoming retreats to renew your spirit and draw closer to Christ. See the schedule below and visit goodcounselretreat.org to register: Jan 31-Feb 2: "Unbound: Freedom in Christ" with Fr. William Holoubek, Feb 6-9: Living as an Apostle: Women's Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi and Fr. Jason Brooks, LC, Feb 15-16: "The Joy of Forgiveness" with Sandy Hoenig, March 7 - 9: Flame of Love Retreat with Jill Metz - US National Director, Flame of Love, March 14 - 16: Maturing in Prayer with Fr. Chris Kubat, April 4 - 6: Back to the Garden Women's Retreat with Sarina Stokes and Fr. Cole Kennett. Our retreats are for either men or women and offered both in-person and online. Scholarships are available, contact the office for more info 402-786-2705. Visit: goodcounselretreat.org to register for any of our retreats!

Join us for First Friday Holy Hours from after Mass at 5:30 pm Feb 7 through the night until 8 am Mass Saturday February 8. Sign up is in the narthex area. Please consider spending time listening to the Lord in His Eucharistic presence.

Loving God, give us hearts that listen for your word. Let us imitate the Good Samaritan, who does not turn away from suffering. Help us listen. May we listen to those who struggle daily for dignity. Let us hear your voice in the stories of those on the margins. Help us always see what binds us together as sisters and brothers. Help us to heal. May we be willing to stand in the place of others. Let us be

open to difference that we may arrive at understanding. Help us to seek reconciliation that our world may reflect justice. Help us respond. May our faith move us to action in the public square. Let us work with others of good will, finding solutions together. Help us exercise political charity, seeking the common good and dignity for all. Lord, give us the courage to trust in your hand guiding us. Give us the courage to respond like the Good Samaritan, setting aside divisions to attend to the needs of the other. May we know and see your love present in our communities, made real in the ways we love one another. Amen.—USCCB 2021

Preparing for the Mass--Days Ahead Read the Mass Readings from the USCCB; Look for what ties the readings together, there is usually a common thread.; Listen for what God is trying to tell you ... this is His word speaking to you directly. The Day of Mass Arrive early and sit close to the front – it helps both children and adults stay focused. Call on the Holy Spirit to open your heart, mind, and soul to God. Bring a journal and listen for key scriptures or thoughts from the homily that speak to you. Jot them down to meditate on over the coming week. If you do get distracted, acknowledge it, and focus your attention back on the Mass. The Time Before Mass Pray Prayers Before and After Mass Read the Collect or opening prayer of the Sunday in the missalette. Prepare your intentions for the Mass - What do I want to pray for when the Priest invites us to pray? Time before Mass if offered can include joining in the recitation of the rosary asking our Blessed Mother to intercede for your intentions.

Hearts Restored is Nebraska's post-abortion healing ministry program open to any individual seeking healing, wholeness, and peace after the impact of abortion. It's time to restore your heart. www.HeartsRestoredNebraska.com • Confidential Hotline: 402.783.HOPE (4673) • Confidential E-mail FindPeace@HeartsRestoredNebraska.com

Prayer Requests: (ill) Fran Gill +Bette Moeller + Margaret Anderson +Fr. Anthony Stamitti

