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ST. ELIZABETH

ANN SETON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
 Parish Coordinator: Ashley
 Perlinger (Bulletin, website, sign,
 choir, miscellaneous)

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 and or instruction
 before any date is set.

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 11:15am-
 12:30pm.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
 Contact office or pastor for more
 information.

*All bulletin news due by noon the
 Wednesday before the Sunday it is
 to appear. Email rectory-
 office@seas-np.org.*

January 7, 2024: The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Monday 1/8	8:00am	Names in Book of Memories & Blessings
Tuesday 1/9	8:00am	Loren Baxa
Wednesday 1/10	5:30pm	Elli Fugate-Schmidt
Thursday 1/11	8:00am	+Dorothy Turner
Friday 1/12	8:00am	+Julian, Beatrice & Marty Estrada
Saturday 1/13	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 1/14	10:00 am	+Chadwick Chester

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

January 13-14, 2024: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Elijah Heimann	Eidren Hampton
	James Krondak	Will Vapenik
Music	Monica Mordja	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

Stewardship: December 31, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$7,327, Christmas
 Flowers- \$190, Advent/Christmas Challenge- \$3,456

Attached to the bulletin (or on the narthex table) are envelopes for the support of Retired Priests of our Diocese. This collection can be taken up at various times in Parishes. Our Parish will focus on this month. Thank you for your generosity and please don't forget to pray for the intentions of our priests, who sacrificed greatly to serve abundantly our Diocese.

Inviting all women and older girls of our Parish and all others interested in our area to a WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION to be held on Saturday January 27, 2024 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 3301 Echo Drive, North Platte, NE
Speaker: Meagan Gitchell will share her vocational (life) story as a Consecrated Virgin and relationship with Jesus and also perspective on the Eucharist in her spirituality. Day will begin with Mass at 9:00 am followed by coffee and rolls, two sessions, prayer time, opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. lunch and Adoration. Day will end at 2:00 pm. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will provide Coffee/rolls and lunch (token free will offering to help defray the expenses). Please join us for the whole day or whatever parts you are able to attend and share the opportunity with others.

The Celebration of our Parish Feast Day will be after the morning Mass on Sunday, January 7 in the Parish Hall. The Daughters of Charity will be providing fried chicken, drinks and tableware. All attending are asked to bring a pot luck item—side dish or dessert. All are invited and encouraged to join in fellowship and good will to celebrate SEAS and the start of a new year.

He will give you rest. Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly invites you to come with us on retreat. See our upcoming retreats: 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Barak 4-Day, or 8-Day Ignatian Retreat with Fr. Barak Jan. 11-15, or Jan. 8-15, and "Laborers in the Vineyard" 24-Hour Retreat for Men and Dads on January 12-13. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Join us for dinner and discover unique and meaningful ways you can make an impact through charitable giving now and in the future! WHEN: January 25, 2024 • 6:30 - 8:30 PM WHERE: Venue304, 304 E. 5th St., North Platte, NE WHO: Individuals, couples, and families who want to make a difference in the lives of others and answer the call to live more charitably by supporting the spiritual, educational, and charitable works of our Catholic Community including our Parish and the

Catholic schools. COST: Free. For questions or more information, contact: Wendy Dodson, (308) 534-5939 or Les Mach, (402) 443-6180

Marriage Encounter: A weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. "Finding a oneness of heart, we all desire." The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is Feb. 9-11 in Lincoln. Contact Brenda & Gary Granger to register or to ask questions: 303-604-6202.

North Platte Theology on Tap will be hosting Father Matthew Nash on Sunday, January 21 at Occasions. Young adults ages 21-40 are invited to join us for a fun evening of fellowship! The social hour will begin at 6:00, with the speaker to follow. A delicious meal of Dave's Place pizza will be provided!

Life is Hard. Help is just a phone call away. Need to talk to someone that you can trust? Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska's Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center, 402-489-1834.

Meal Train: New Parishioners Isaiah and Rebecca Smith welcomed a baby boy to their family. Please visit <https://takethemameal.com/NPZA1167> to bless them with a meal, or call Ashley at 402-202-9214 to sign up.

Save the Dates: Nebraska Right to Life Events
Nebraska Right to Life will hold its annual Gala on Friday, January 26, 2024 at the Cornhusker Marriot Hotel in Lincoln with keynote speaker Melissa Ohden, a survivor of an abortion attempt and founder of the Abortion Survivors Network. Then, join in the Nebraska Walk for Life on Saturday, January 27, 2027. More information on these events can be found at nebraskarighttolife.org, by emailing nebraskartl@gmail.com, or by calling 402-438-4802.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come: The book of Revelation is a letter written to seven churches as both encouragement and challenge. It uses visions and symbolic imagery to offer a glimpse of God's plan for a new creation. Join us at Holy Spirit Church in North Platte for an 11-week Bible study on the book of Revelation. Mondays at 1:00 or 7:00 starting February 5. Cost is \$28.

Registration due by Jan 15th, no late registrations. Registrations available in the Parish office at Holy Spirit. Questions, contact Cheri Thalken, Bible Study Facilitator.

Attend a weekend retreat with the Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies from February 23-25 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: Topic: “Praying with Scripture” Have you heard of Lectio Divina or Ignatian Prayer with Scripture, but never knew quite what it was or how to do it? Have you desired to open God’s Word to hear His voice but don’t know how to do it, or what His voice sounds like? The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is offering a weekend retreat for men and women on “Praying with Scripture” that is just for you. Vern Steiner, Chad Steiner and Josh Burks will each offer talks developing how the Sacred Scriptures are not a dead word but apply to the reality of our lives today. For further information or to register please contact www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage—mark your calendars for two events that will be held at SEAS. Friday, June 14 a Holy Hour of Adoration beginning at 6:30 pm and Saturday, June 15 a Mass at 8:00 am. Both are in conjunction with Holy Spirit and S.t Patrick parishes of North Platte. In addition, there will be a Mass held at McDaid Elementary School on June 16 at 11:00am and a Eucharistic Procession the same day following the Mass at McDaid Elementary School.

CCD Classes resume on Sunday, January 14.

The Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Monday, January 15 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast will be Sunday, January 14.

Teaching Rock will be Wednesday, January 10 at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall.

Annual Notice: 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.

The Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori challenges Knights to attend Mass and receive holy Communion more often than just on Sunday — daily if possible — to grow in awareness of Jesus’ presence and power in the Eucharist. He also encourages Knights to turn frequently to Jesus in prayer during the day and recognize that he actively works in our lives.

The 2024 LDCCW Winter Symposium will be February 16 & 17, 2024: Friday, February 16 will include the Full Board Meeting which is for all Deanery Presidents. Saturday, February 17 will include inspirational talks throughout the day. Go to <https://goodcounselretreat.org/product/winter-symposium-women-2024/> to register. In addition, the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their 64th Biennial Convention on April 26 & 27 at the St John XXII Center in Lincoln. PCCW Presidents and Deanery Presidents are to attend at their vote is essential in this meeting

Pro-Life Mass & Nebraska Walk for Life will be held Saturday, January 27 in Lincoln. Join celebrant Archbishop Lucas and homilist Msgr. Fuccinaro at the Mass at 9 am at St Mary's Catholic Church (1420 K St. in Lincoln) and then make the Walk for Life beginning across the street at 10 am at the Nebraska State Capitol.

Lenten Healing Mass- All are welcome to receive physical, spiritual, and mental healing. Sunday, February 25, 2024, St. Patrick Church 409 East F Street, McCook, NE. 4:00pm Mass: Celebrant Rev. Christopher Barak Lincoln, NE. Come early for the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:30pm. Confession available 3:00 – 4:00 – EVERYONE is WELCOME –Please spread the word!

Hope for the Poor: Our Bishop has encouraged anyone willing to make a donation to support the ministry Hope for the Poor in Mexico City. A large part of their mission is to take the poor off the streets, many of whom are young women and children who are caught up in drug addiction and the billion-dollar human trafficking trade and insert them into the security of small parish communities in the Archdiocese of Mexico City. If you would like to make such a donation, please enclose it in an envelope with your name on it by January 21. Checks are to be written out to the Parish, which in turn will send one collective donation to Hope for the Poor. Thank you in advance to those moved to help.

A patient says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my spouse seems to let go with a temper for no reason. It scares me." The Doctor says: "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your spouse is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until your spouse either leaves the room or calms down." Two weeks later the patient comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn. The patient says: "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my spouse started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and there was calm within minutes! How does a glass of water do that?" The Doctor says: "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick".

For each good work performed in a state of grace, typically a triple value is within the sight of God. The work increases our merit; it gives us right to a new degree of glory in heaven. It's like when we pray, it has the virtue of obtaining some grace from God. It is can satisfy divine justice and pay our debts of temporal punishment before God or those in Purgatory for whom we pray. The merit remains the property of the person who performs the action. The other two can benefit others living or deceased.

Quotes from Elizabeth Ann Seton's writings:

Acting well our part in present difficulties is the only way to ensure the Peace of the future.

Afflictions are the steps to heaven.

All in the hands of our God so dear and infinitely good, that is my comfort.

Confiding hope and consoling peace have attended my way through storms and dangers that must have terrified a soul whose rock is not Christ.

Do what we can and God will do the rest. What seems so impossible to nature is quite easy to grace.

Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, Hope supports it on the other, Experience says it must be and love says let it be.

Go to him with faith, love and confidence - He will help. Fill yourself with his Spirit and He himself will govern.

I am satisfied to sow in tears if I may reap in joy. And when all the wintry storms of time are past, we shall enjoy the delights of an eternal spring.

I resign the present and the future to Him who is the author and conductor of both.

Oh! If I did not see our Lord in all and trust it to Him, what an aching heart should I have. But not so, I look all the while to our purification, and then to our Eternity, so long - for love and enjoyment.

The black clouds I foresee may pass by harmless, or if in Providence of grace they fall on me, Providence has an immense umbrella to hinder or break the force of the storm. What a comfort.

You know the general principle: that God is everywhere. On the throne of His glory among the blessed indeed, but also throughout the whole universe which He fills, governs and preserves, ruling it by wisdom and grace. This we learn in our infancy, as in all of our memory in childhood. Yet in the practice of life, we live along as if we scarcely remembered that God sees us.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, our patroness, pray for our intentions, needs, and growth in holiness as your spiritual family.

For your Prayers + Joy Chilcott +Rick Ogle Virgil +Clayton Anderson ill-Sylvia Prather, ill-Gene Johnston