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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 4:00pm4:30pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:30am

Offered any time by appointment. Half hour before Friday Masses

Baptism Contact priest to set up appointment.

Matrimony

for 15 minutes

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 rectoryoffice@seas-np.org.

November 17, 2024: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions		
Monday 11/18	5:30 pm	Liv/Dec DOC members
Tuesday 11/19	7:00 am	Dave Brabec
Wednesday 11/20	5:30 pm	Liv/Dec Ortega/Estrada Families
Thursday 11/21	8:00 am	Dave Brabec
Friday 11/22	8:00 am	+Jim Zeleny
Saturday 11/23	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 11/24	10:00 am	Luke Ranck

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS November 23-24, 2024 (Christ the King)

Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Cindy Swanson	John Bode
Volunteer Needed	Spencer Hampton
Luke Miller	Eidren Hampton
Nathan Miller	Keaton Hampton
Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Steve & Janet Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Cindy Swanson Volunteer Needed Luke Miller Nathan Miller Greg Vandenberg Volunteer Needed

Stewardship: November 10, 2024: Adult \$2797.00 All Saints 20.00

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreats:

Consider signing up for this Diocesan retreat! For High School Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors, College Freshmen & Sophomores. The three-day retreat is designed to draw young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Information is mailed out 2 weeks prior to each retreat. Retreat options in December, February, April & June. To sign up, visit www.lincolnDiocese.org/retreats/tec

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

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they lay down in their tent for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, you air-head. Someone has stolen our tent."

Join Us in Prayers of Thanksgiving. In honor of the defeat of the extreme pro-abortion proposal, Initiative 439, we invite all Catholics across the state of Nebraska to offer prayers of thanksgiving. Consider a simple Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, or offer up a Rosary, Holy Hour, or Mass intention. If you would like to pray a nine-day novena to Christ the King, please visit www.NEcatholic.org. Thank you for all your

efforts to defeat Initiative 439, to protect women and babies in Nebraska.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage To Italy With Fr. Doty of St Mary's in Denton, Nebraska October 18-28, 2025. Registration and information is open at www.proximotravel.com Trip #1140 Join Fr. Doty on this pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, San Giovani Rotunda and more.

Advent Vespers And Carols: Solemn Evening Prayer at Saint Gregory the Great Seminary with Bishop Conley. Friday, December 6 at 7pm. The Seminary is located on Hwy 15, 3 miles north of I-80 or 2 miles south of Seward.

Retreat for women ages 19-99 and all vocations led by the Marian Sisters will be Dec 6-8. Held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. For more information or to register www.goodcounselretreat.org.

Betraval & Beyond Support Groups: The Office of Family Life is hosting a 12-week support group for partners/wives of those suffering from pornography addiction. Exercises from the workbook help the participant process trauma, and time will also be set aside for prayer and sharing. The group will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings from Nov 19 – Jan 28 in a confidential location. There is NO charge to attend. Email familylifeoffice@cdolinc.net or go to https://lincolnDiocese.regfox.com/30-flo-betrayal beyond-support-groups to register.

Retreat Opportunities at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly: Our Lady's Promises & Protection: Nov. 22-24 with Fr. Elias Mary, F.I. To register, go to www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org, or 402-786-2705.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive until November 24 for the Women's Resource Center of North Platte. Items can be placed near the statue of St. Teresa in our narthex. A monetary donation can also be made to the Knights of Columbus, who will present funds raised to the Resource Center. Give the gift of a full meal or elements to make one.

Preparing for St Nicholas feast day and reclaiming Catholic culture on December 6. Our parish through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus will honor St Nicholas the weekend of December 6th with St Nicholas bags for the younger children. -- St. Nicholas was a bishop of an ancient Greek town called Myra, in present-day Turkey. He may have attended the first Council of Nicaea, where he is rumored to have punched Arius, a heretic, in the face at his blasphemy. He was born around March 15, 270 and died on December 6, 343. St. Nicholas always had a love for the poor and would work for their benefit. The story goes that there was a poor man in town with no money for a dowry for his daughters. No dowry meant no marriage, which would have left his daughters to be sold into a life of servitude. Late one night, St. Nicholas dropped a bag of money down the chimney of the family home, thus allowing the daughters a dowry. Most famously, he is the real-life historical figure from whom we get Santa Claus. His generosity inspired the "chubby and plump, a right jolly elf. Santa meaning Saint and Claus is short for Nicholas. On December 5, the eve of St. Nicholas Day, children traditionally leave a shoe or a boot in front of the fireplace or doorway of the home. The next morning the shoe is filled with small gifts, like coins, candy and treats. The coins are given in remembrance of the coins St. Nicholas left the girls in need of a dowry and treats are given to signify the treasure (gold) that St. Nicholas gave away to those in need. This tradition comes from the legends of St. Nicholas' generosity and led to the celebration of Santa Claus on Christmas Day today. In some countries, like Germany and Austria, St. Nicholas is accompanied by his counterpart the Krampus. Much like the legend of Santa Claus, the Krampus will leave coal or corncobs in the shoes of misbehaving children. Children are encouraged to participate in acts of kindness to remove themselves or stay off of the Krampus' naughty list. One fun way to celebrate is to make traditional St. Nicholas cookies. In the United States gingerbread and sugar cookies are the most popular while in countries such as the Netherlands and Germany make spice cookies and peppermint cookies. The spice cookies are made into the shape of St. Nicholas - complete with a Bishop's miter and staff! Another tradition

that is observed is to perform random acts of kindness on St. Nicholas' feast day. You could drop off a grocery store gift card to those in need, anonymously pay the utility bill of someone in need or donate food to local care programs. Spend time as a family brainstorming what you can do to serve your community just as St. Nicholas did when he was alive. – excerpts from Dynamic Catholic website

<u>Daughters of Charity</u> will meet Sunday, November 24 at 11 am in the Parish Hall.

<u>THEOLOGY on Tap!</u> Theology on Tap. November 17th, 6pm at APEShip Brewing. Young Adults 21-45 welcome for fellowship! Snacks provided and first drink free.

We are excited to announce the Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference - "I Fear Nothing": Pro-Life Evangelization in a Modern Age. The event will take place on Nov. 22nd and 23rd in Lincoln.

<u>Join us Wednesday</u>, November 27 at 5:30 pm for a Thanksgiving Eve Mass followed by Adoration until 9 pm.

The season of Advent, which marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church, starts on the weekend of November 30/December 1. This year, December 8, 2024, falls on a Sunday. The celebration of Sunday as the memorial of Christ's Death and Resurrection takes precedence over all other celebrations. However, due to the importance of the Immaculate Conception as Patroness of our country, Catholics are required to observe December 9, 2024 as a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in our Parish to fulfill this obligation will be 8 am, 12:15 pm and 5:30 pm.

Rejoice and Be Glad, Journey Through Christmas with the Holy Family Find lasting peace at the manger this Christmas season. Bible Study will be four weeks December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Each day, in a few short pages, Fr. Toups provides you with aids to help guide your prayer: · A word - Focus on a single word each day to help you enter more deeply into the theme of that week's readings. A reflection - Read a short reflection and meditate on Scripture. · A prompt - Journal every day. Write

down your thoughts and the stirrings in your heart as Our Lord speaks to you this Christmas. The journals will cost \$6.00 and there will be two study times to choose from: one at 1:00pm and one at 7:00pm. Please have the registration turned in by November 15th at 5:00pm to the Holy Spirit Church in North Platte.

The Southwest Nebraska Ultreya Center's Monthly Ultreya will be Sunday, December 18, 2024, St. Patrick's Imperial 1:30 pm CT – 12:30 pm MT. School of Leaders: January 11, 2025, 9am, inperson at St. Mary Parish, Aurora, and via ZOOM (Meeting ID: 731 820 8877, no password required). January Ultreya – Sunday, January 12, 2025, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, North Platte 1:30 pm CT – 12:30 pm MT.

St. Pat's School News: UPCOMING EVENTS: Monday, November 18 Winter Sports Begin 3:00PM--JH WR NPSP Invite Tuesday, November 19 7:00PM--School Board Meeting Friday, November 22 11:00AM--JH WR @ Mullen Saturday, November 23 One Act @ Minden Shop with SCRIP for the holidays! The NPCS Endowment SCRIP program is an amazing way to earn money toward tuition while you shop. All purchases generate funds for our tuition assistance program for families attending McDaid and St. Pat's. ANYONE can purchase--grandparents, friends, etc. and the SCRIP percentage can be designated toward any family's tuition. Check out some of the NEW retailers now in stock! Merrick's Five Below Jersey Mike's Subs Pizza Ranch TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods Plus... don't forget our local favorites like Dave's Place, Kwik Stop, The Sports Shoppe, Pals, Runza, Dunkin' Donuts, Double Dips, Gary's Superfoods, and MORE! View the full retailer listing and join our online SCRIP program by scanning the QR Code. Contact the Endowment office with any SCRIP questions: 308-534-5939, endowment@npcschools.org.

<u>There will be</u> an All Faiths Christmas Choir at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church (305 W5th st) on Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Jared Daily <u>jared.daily@gmail.com</u>

<u>Thank you</u> to Jon Vapenik for his work on a small parish hall project.

The Daughters of Charity are currently collecting items for Centennial Nursing Facility. Although the needs of the nursing homes are many, below are some items that would be so helpful to those relying on others compassion. In the past, the nursing home residents have expressed their sincere gratitude and even the smallest gesture on our part could make their holidays so special. Items being sought include Socks (especially men's), personal care items, such as lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, calendars, puzzles, books, Word Find books. A box will be set up in the narthex for these items until December 9. They will be dropped off at Centennial Nursing Facility mid – December along with a Christmas card from our parish. Thank you and may our Lord bless you for your generosity!!

<u>Thank you to John</u> & Donna Bode for preparing our snow blower for any needed action this coming snow season.

Upcoming dates and times for your calendars: Wednesday November 27 at 5:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Mass (not Mass Thanksgiving Day); Monday December 9 Holy Day of Immaculate Conception (observed) Masses 8am, 12:15 am and 5:30 pm.; December 24 Holy Day Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 5 pm and December 25 Holy Day Christmas Mass at 10 am; December 31 Holy Day Solemnity of Mary Eve Vigil Mass 5:00 pm and January 1 Holy Day Solemnity of Mary Mass at 10 am.

Thank you to all who have bringing by food and other items to the boxes by St Teresa's statue in the narthex for the Women's Resource Center. The Knights are collecting the items until November 24 and the recipients have expressed gratitude for helping them. It is a beautiful work of Mercy to help feed the hungry. If you have not yet donated and are able please join in the satisfaction of giving. Monetary donations can also be made out to our local Knights who will present them to the WRC.

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Mary Kracl (ill), Margaret McAndrew (ill) Don Kuchta (ill) +Leonard Chapek