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# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor:** Fr. Rand Langhorst  
**Parish Coordinator:** Ashley Perlinger (Bulletin, website, sign, choir, miscellaneous)  
**Bookkeeper:** Natalie Gifford (bookkeeping, Diocesan data 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

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

## November 20, 2022: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<b>Monday 11/21</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 11/22</b>	No Mass	
<b>Wednesday 11/23</b>	5:30pm	Elli Fugate Schmidt
<b>Thursday 11/24</b>	7:30am	+Lanny Burr
<b>Friday 11/25</b>	8:00am	McKenna Ketter
<b>Saturday 11/26</b>	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 11/27</b>	10:00am	Alan Rieker

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

**November 26-27, 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Michael Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Eidren Hampton
	James Krondak	Keaton Hampton
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer Needed	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane & Heather Johnsen

**Stewardship for October 30, 2022: \$2,833, All Saints Day: \$275**

**The Knights of Columbus** are willing to match up to \$250 toward a \$500 request challenge to help Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly replace and upgrade the cost of an emergency need for furnaces, tanks, and installation. If you feel moved by the Spirit to help, please place your donation in an envelope marked "KC Match for Retreat House". Thanks for any generosity shown.

**Reminder that the Knights of Columbus** Fr. McGivney Council bags for the celebration of Dec. 6 for parents (and grandparents) of children will be given out after Masses next weekend Nov 26/27. If you'll be gone that weekend, contact Fr. Rand by Dec. 3.

**Join us to express your** own gratefulness to God by attending the Thanksgiving Eve Mass on Wednesday, November 23, followed by spending some time in Adoration from after Mass until 9:00pm.

**Mark your calendar** for the evening of Thursday, Dec. 29 for Fr. Rand's Triple C Celebration! (Christmas Cuisine, Carols, and Choices). Tickets will be available soon! More in upcoming bulletins.

**Joey told his mom** that he and his dad were going to help her make the turkey on Thanksgiving Day by cooking it outside. She wondered about it, but the dad nodded his head in agreement. The day came and the table was ready waiting for dad and son to carve the turkey outside and bring it in for the family. After hearing the startup of a chain saw in the back yard, Joey came to his mother and said, "Dad wasn't sure, so he is calling Butterball's Thanksgiving Turkey Talk-Line to ask the operator if the oil from the chain would adversely affect the taste of the turkey he carved."

**All are invited** December 3 and 4 after Masses to fellowship in our Parish Hall, featuring chili and turkey noodle soup. Proceeds are designated to help the high school students of our parish, who are planning to attend the National Right to Life March in January with other youth of the Lincoln and Grand Island Dioceses, lessen the costs. These are the same youth who volunteered at November's beginning to help the Ukrainian people in need with

our Spaghetti Feed. Please join us as we get to know each other and assist through this free will offering our youth to make a stand for Human Life.

**During Advent**, immediately before each weekend Mass, a short prayer led by the lector will be offered as the appropriate Advent candle(s) are brought forward to be placed.

**Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation** under pain of mortal sin for missing purposely: The Mass celebrating the Immaculate Conception will be Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 5:30pm (followed by Adoration), and Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8:00am and 5:30pm.

**For planning purposes in December:** Advent Penance Services for Holy Spirit and St Patrick's Churches will be December 18, time to be determined. Our parish Advent Penance Service will be Tuesday, December 20 from 5:00pm-5:45pm (or until the last one is line is heard), with priests from the deanery assisting. Additional opportunities will be listed in the bulletin closer to that time period.

**Christmas Mass times** in our parish will be Saturday, December 24 at 5:00pm and Sunday, December 25 at Midnight and 10:00am. No confessions will be heard before the Christmas Masses. The Solemnity of Mary (New Year) Masses will be the regular scheduled weekend Masses.

**Vocations Appeal 2022** stands at \$8,300 for our parish thus far. Last year's Appeal 2021 reached \$13,515.00. Please pray and discern if you can help us near that expression of generosity for this year.

**Looking to go deep during the Advent Season?** Join Fr. Joseph Wahlmeier for "The 'O Antiphons' of Advent" Retreat on Dec. 2-4 at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. On Dec. 16-18 we will have the "Incarnational Intimacy" retreat with Fr. Steve Mills and Dec. 28-30 we will be hosting a virtual watch party for the "Encounter Ministries Conference". More info: [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org), [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org), 402-786-2705.

**Beginning the Church's liturgical year.** Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") November 27 is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

**Traditionally, Advent wreaths** are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

**North Platte St. Patrick's Christmas Boutique is BACK Dec. 10th!** St Patrick's Catholic Church 415 N. Chestnut 10am-3pm lunch served in the Parish Hall. Bake sale, crafts, Jelly, Jewelry, and many other exciting items.

**Our parish will offer two Advent** Reflections "Walking with Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem" on Wednesday, November 30, "Joseph" and

Wednesday, December 14, "Mary." They'll both begin at 6:30pm during the regular Adoration time. Each reflection is approximately 30 minutes and center on allowing "inner peace," a bigger share of one's life through greater self-awareness, and invitation to healing. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Invitation** from the children and family of Jim and Shirley Nisley. They are hosting a 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception on Friday, November 25, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Harbor Lights, 711 E N Lake Rd, North Platte, Nebraska. Come join in their celebration. No gifts please.

**The Magnificat Advent Companion** for this Advent (Nov. 27- Dec. 25), are being provided by the generosity of one of our parish family members who desires to remain anonymous. This is a great means of making Advent more spiritual with each day's short reflection and the inclusion of a Prayer before the Christmas Stable; the Advent Stations; Special Advent prayers; and the "o" Antiphons of Dec 17-23.

**While supplies last, Advent Calendars** from Fr. Rand to take home (especially for families with children) will be available in the narthex. Please take one home to count down the 24 days until Christmas. Save them for future years.

**If you have Christmas Cards that** you are no longer in need of, please drop them off in the Parish Hall. The DOC invites you to help write Christmas greetings to those who are homebound, in nursing and/or care centers on the weekend of December 10th-11th in the Parish Hall after Masses. The residents enjoy reading the cards and for some, the best gift they receive is being remembered.

**Fr. Rand** will be on vacation from Nov 10-22. Fr. Dietrich from Lincoln will do the weekend Masses and will also be doing the weekday Masses Nov. 14-18 and residing in the rectory. Please make him feel at home and welcome. His current assignment is to take care of our Diocesan clergy.

**St. Pat's Breakfast:** Join us for breakfast at Saint Patrick's Parish Hall on Sunday, November 20. Coffee starts at 8:30am, food starts at 9:00am, and ends at 1:00pm.

**On Saturdays of Advent** (beginning next week), there will be Exposition at the end of evening Mass. This will be for anyone desiring to pray before our Eucharistic Lord. Reposition will be at 7:00pm.

**Healing Mass:** All are welcome to receive physical, spiritual, and mental healing. Sunday, Nov 27th, 2022 St. Patrick Church 409 East F Street, McCook, NE, 4:00pm Mass: Celebrant Rev. Christopher Barak. Come early for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession is also available. EVERYONE is WELCOME!!

**The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents** will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 28th at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. All names will be permanently placed on the Banner, however, due to time constraints, only names submitted since 2014 will be read aloud. New names may be submitted by calling the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 before 5:00pm on Dec. 20th or in the vestibule prior to the reading of names, which will begin at 6:45pm followed by Mass.

**Pope Francis' Intentions for November:** We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**St. Pat's School News:** **St. Pat's School News:** Nov. 22: 11:00am: SPVA One Act, 2:30pm: JH WR @ Perkins County, Nov. 23: Noon Dismissal, Nov. 24-25: No School. 'Tis the Season of Giving Gifts and Payments can be made online! The NPCS Endowment has an online giving option on their website. All donations can be made securely online!

[apps.npcschoools.org/donate-now](https://apps.npcschoools.org/donate-now). **SCRIP:** Remember to utilize the Endowment's SCRIP program for your holiday shopping! SCRIP offers both local and national retailers, with hundreds of options to choose from. 2% from all SCRIP purchases is designated for

tuition assistance for families at NPCS. Where: 1) Purchase in-person at the Endowment Office, 601 S. Tabor Ave. between 8:00am-4:00pm daily. 2) Create an online SCRIP account at: [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) using the NPCS enrollment code 41B837676942. Contact: 308-534-5939, [w.dodson@npcschools.org](mailto:w.dodson@npcschools.org). **Featured Teacher:** Our featured teacher of the month is Ms. Vinton. She is a student-teacher and is currently teaching English at St. Patrick's High School. She attends the University of NE-Kearney and will graduate this December. She grew up on a ranch near Mullen, Nebraska. She enjoys walking, reading, visiting friends, and spending time with her family. She also finds time to teach 4th grade CCD at St. Pat's Church. Ms. Vinton decided to student teach at St. Pat's High so she could better understand the atmosphere of a smaller Catholic school. She has enjoyed St. Pats and shared that everyone has been very welcoming. "I'm happy to be here and thrilled to teach the students!"

**Confirmed for Mission Confirmation Retreat:**

**Dates:** February 11, 2023 at North American Martyrs Parish, Lincoln, February 25, 2023 at St. Michael Parish, Hastings, March 11, 2023 at Cathedral Parish, Lincoln **Time:** 10 am to 4 pm **For:** Children to be Confirmed with at least one Parent (Sponsors also welcome) **Fee:** \$20 per person (lunch provided) "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8. For more details or to register please visit: [www.lincolndiocese.org/mission](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/mission) Or contact: [michele-chambers@cdolinc.net](mailto:michele-chambers@cdolinc.net) or call 402.473.0625 \*Pastors wishing to sponsor their confirmandi contact Michele Chambers.\*

**In the mailed collection packets** for this month, there are two dated Nov. 24. The Contemplative Sisters Pink envelope will be sent to support our two contemplative communities of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit in Lincoln and the Carmelite Sisters by Valparaiso, Nebraska. The Happy Thanksgiving envelope collection remains in the parish for parish use. Thank you on behalf of the religious sisters and our parish.

**Prayer Intentions:** Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul. Mary Zak, Sylvia Prather, ☩Gladys Roebke, ☩Janet Buhman ☩Betty Levi ☩Carolyn Rischling ☩Bob Brungardt