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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 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 at noon the
 Wednesday before the Sunday it is
 to appear. Email rectory-
 office@seas-np.org.*

November 26, 2023: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 11/27	7:30 am	Alan Rieker
Tuesday 11/28	8:00 am	+Don Crays
Wednesday 11/29	5:30 pm	+Jim McMurty
Thursday 11/30	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Friday 12/1	5:30 pm	Galen & Sharon Kuska
Saturday 12/2	8:00 am	Jerry & Kay Cooper
	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 12/3	10:00 am	+Corrine Leekly

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS December 2-3, 2023 (1st Sunday of Advent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Ron Tejral
Acolyte	Phil Heimann/Michael Krondak	Duane Johnsen
Server	Elijah Heimann	Weston Hammond
	Alex Krondak	Kieran Tejral
Music	Volunteer Needed	Choir
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Galen Warburton	Volunteer Needed

Stewardship: November 19, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,476

Instead of writing a letter to Santa Claus, he prefers that before Christmas, children should instead write letters to the Christ Child. On the first Sunday of Advent, children write their Christmas letter to the Christ child who, accompanied by His angels and the prayers of the saints like St. Nicholas, will bring the meaning of Christmas and all the trappings. In this letter--and the letter is of great importance--the child makes known his most secret wishes to the Divine Child, and also the efforts he or she is going to make during the season of Advent. Before going to bed the letter must be put on the window sill. The first thought in the morning is: "What happened to the letter, is it gone?" Good children's letters are taken away during the first night, as a sign that the Divine Child is pleased with them. Others--and their number is usually bigger than the ones whose letter disappeared--may have to wait two, three or more days, a sure sign that Jesus is not altogether pleased with them, that their spirit of penance, of obedience, of work, of greater charity must first wax stronger.

The Advent/Christmas Challenge is on! If the Holy Spirit is stirring your heart to participate, please use the envelope provided in the mailed letter to registered households, or use one of your choosing clearly labeled for the challenge with your name on it (if you want it tracked for tax purposes.) Watch for the blackened out numbers in the narthex to see our expression of generosity.

Grief & the Holidays with Sandy Danek, founder of the Healing Hearts Grief Ministry. Sandy will talk about grief & the holidays, what it can look like, ways of finding healing and comfort, and ways to support friends or family who may be grieving the loss of a loved one. Event will be at the Harbor Coffeehouse, 7 p.m. in the Shoppes at Piedmont and will also be live-streamed. Registration not required, but helps us to have an accurate estimate of attendance for food and for those attending virtually. <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief>

Announcing a Mini Christmas Gift Gathering Raffle with a drawing on Dec 19, 2023. Tickets are \$1 each. Tickets will be available at Masses or by request from the office or Father Rand. The biggest gift, aside from purchasing some tickets for yourself or family, is to offer to take a few to make available to coworkers or neighbors. Prizes have all been donated by fellow Parishioners and include: First-Two Precious Moment Baby Throws; Second Mini-

Bundle of Beef; Third \$25.00 Gas Card and Fourth-Two dozen homemade cinnamon rolls.

Thank you to all who participated in and helped with the Men's Day of Recollection last weekend with speaker Joseph Brewer. May the Holy Spirit continue to help you grow spiritually.

According to unofficial sources, a new simplified income-tax form contains only four lines: 1. What was your income for the year? 2. What were your expenses? 3. How much have you left? 4. Send it in.

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.

First Friday Devotion: First Friday is this week on December 1st! Jesus promised St. Faustina that anyone who receives Holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays will not die in Christ's disfavor or without being able to receive the sacraments. Our Parish invites you to join us for Mass on any first Friday at 5:30 pm. **First Saturday Devotion:** Our Lady of Fatima requested that Catholics make reparations for offenses against Her Immaculate Heart. We can do this by going to Confession, attending Mass, and praying the Rosary on the first Saturday of each month. This Saturday, December 2, is the First Saturday of the month. Please join us at the 8:00 am Mass or 5:00 pm Mass. There will also be the usual Confession schedule from 4:00pm-4:30 pm.

St. Gregory the Great Seminary invites you to Advent Vespers and Carols with Solemn Evening Prayer of the 1st Sunday of Advent. Bishop James D. Conley, Presider Sunday, December 3, 2023 7:00 p.m. The Seminary is located on Hwy 15, 3 miles North of I-80 or 2 miles South of Seward.

Women at the Well Advent Encounter: Virtual Guest Speaker Claire Dwyer on Sunday, December 3. Social at 6:30 pm, and Event at 7 pm, Adoration & Confessions at 8 pm. Located at North Platte Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

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.

St. Pat's School News: Upcoming Events: Monday, November 27: District One Act, School Resumes
Tuesday, November 28: National Giving DAY
Wednesday, November 29: 6:30PM—Activities Meeting
Thursday, November 30: 2:00PM—WR @ Alma 5:00PM—Res B & G BB vs. Ogallala
Friday, December 1: 4:30PM—JV/V BB vs. Sutherland
Saturday, December 2: 10:30AM WR @ Mullen 3:00PM—JV/V BB @ Bridgeport. **Giving Tuesday** is November 28. The North Platte Catholic Schools would be grateful for your support. Donations can be made on-line and designated to any one of the Endowment Funds such as: General Operations; Teaching Funds for Educators; Tuition; Assistance Funds; McDaid Playground Fund or Capital Campaign Fund. Go to apps.npcschools.org/donate-now

Beginning the Church's liturgical year next Sunday, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") 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. As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated sanctuary. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the

eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well. Advent devotions can include the Advent wreath, doing works of mercy for the less fortunate, remembering deceased loved ones in some manner, gifting Jesus with expressions of time, talents or treasure and preparing the Parish for the celebration of the Christmas season.

PrayMoreNovenas.com Our next online retreat for Advent! This Advent season gives us an opportunity to reignite hope in our hearts and to strengthen our relationship with the Lord through prayer. The Pray More Advent Retreat starts on December 4th. Go to our website to learn more or to sign up. We will be focusing on transforming our prayer lives this Advent so that we can prepare for Jesus Christ's coming at Christmas, and when He comes again.

Christmas Cards will be written for the residents of the North Platte care facilities and SEAS shut-ins after Masses on December 9th - 10th. If you have extra Christmas Cards, please bring them to the Parish Hall on the weekends or leave them at the Parish office prior to December 9th.

Spirit of Giving: The Daughters of Charity are currently collecting items to give to our local nursing homes. If your generosity moves you, please drop off any of the following items to the church, by Dec 1. There will be a designated drop box by the St. Therese statue in the narthex. Suggested Items: Slipper socks (with traction on bottom to prevent slipping), Small (travel size) lotions, Chapstick or lip balms.

Masses for the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) will be Thursday, December 7 (Vigil at 5:30 pm) and Friday, December 8 at 8 am.

Healing Mass: All are welcome to receive physical, spiritual, and mental healing. Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, 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!

With the unrest in the Holy Land, Fr. Rand now invites all to consider a new spiritual pilgrimage to Italy from April 9 for 11 days with roundtrip flights from Omaha. Visit the sites of Eucharistic miracles, Rome and the Vatican, Assisi (St. Francis and St. Clare), Orvieto, Cascia (St. Rita), Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotunda (Padre Pio), Grotto of St Michael the Archangel, Holy Veil of Manoppello and so much more. Check out the website tektionministries.org and look for pilgrimages and scroll down to April 9 Italy out of Omaha and read the online brochure, pricing and/or to register online. This is an opportunity that will enrich anyone's spiritual life and is open to anyone Catholic or not.

Good Counsel Retreat House Retreats: Planning your Fall or Winter schedule? Check out Good Counsel Retreat House's retreat Schedule. Read through the list of retreats on their website at www.goodcounselretreat.com. For questions call 402-786-2705, or email goodcounsel@cdolinc.net. Upcoming in-person and online retreats including: Women "Growing in the Spirit Dec 1 - 3 Fr. Elias Mary; Men & Women "Five Marian Stones & Consecration to the Immaculate Dec. 7-10 Fr. Shawn Aaron LC ; Men "Men's Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi" Dec. 15 - 17 . Fr. Jay Buhman.

Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2023-2024: Several have asked if any source was available to help them pray at home or in small groups with others. The following has become available from Magnificat that meets those very needs to spend time reading, meditating on, praying about, and contemplating the Gospel for each Sunday and major feast day. Beginning and ending with prayer, each entry leads you through the four steps: Lectio: Read the Gospel. Meditatio: Meditate on suggested questions. Oratio: Pray, lifting the fruits of your meditation to God. Contemplatio: Contemplate and record your thoughts on the Word of God in the space provided. A simple and powerful way to incorporate all Scripture into our lives and to experience the Kingdom of God today. There is a pre-order price if taken advantage of in the coming weeks. For more information or to place a personal order call 1-970-416-6670 or email bookstore@magnificat.com or visit www.magnificat.com

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.

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is accepting registrations for a five-week course Hearing the Word: Understanding the Bible, offered in person on Monday or Tuesday evenings (6:30-8:30pm) beginning January 8, and available online (typically posted the following day, with class notes). Taught by Emmaus president Dr. Vern Steiner, Hearing the Word is a practical course designed to equip students with the tools to read the Bible with understanding. Learn more and register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio: How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/> as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings 7-9AM, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/>

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul +Chris Svec +Wilma Reeves +Izzy Snider ill-Sylvia Prather, ill- Gene Johnston