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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. John Birkel
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.*

November 30, 2025: 1st Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions		
Monday 12/1	7:00am	+Randy Westfall
Tuesday 12/2	No Mass	
Wednesday 12/3	5:30pm	Xavier Pieper
Thursday 12/4	8:00 am	+Hilda Spindler
Friday 12/5	5:30pm	Alice Robinson
Saturday 12/6	8:00am	+Maureen McClendon
	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 12/7	10:00 am	+Ruby Langhorst

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS December 6 – 7, 2025 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Jim Nisley	Damon Green
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Ron Tejral
Server	Jeffrey Peiffer	James Green
	Volunteer Needed	Will Vapenik
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Choir
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Galen Warburton	Dave Beran

**Stewardship: November 23, 2025- Adult- \$2,719, Loose Plate- \$345,
Maintenance- \$100, Christmas Flowers- \$30, Cloistered Sisters- \$40,
Thanksgiving- \$45 Total: \$3,279**

We sought and received further clarification from the USCCB regarding the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation with respect to Vigil Masses. The guiding principle is that the 2nd Sunday of Advent is a higher ranking feast than the Immaculate Conception (hence the moving the IC in the first place). **At any** Mass on Sunday evening, whether within or outside of the usual schedule, the Mass setting and readings for the Second Sunday of Advent are used. **The obligation** for Sunday is fulfilled by any Mass Saturday evening through Sunday night. **The obligation** for the Holy Day is fulfilled by any Mass Sunday evening through Monday night. **In other words**, an individual could attend Mass Sunday morning and have all the prayers and readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent and fulfill their Sunday obligation; then go to Mass that evening (which would have all the prayers and readings for, again the 2nd Sunday of Advent) and fulfill their obligation for the Immaculate Conception.

The Daughters of Charity are collecting small bottles of lotion, soaps and shampoos, non-slip socks and religious Christmas cards to be given to residents at North Platte care facilities in December. If you are able to donate, please drop off items in the narthex.

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be on Sunday, December 7th at 4:00pm, and Monday, December 8th at 7:00am.

We will have Christmas choir practice Wednesday, December 3rd in the Parish Hall. All are welcome—please join us!

Advent Angels share kindness and spread joy to fellow parishioners during the Advent Season. Send a card, let your person know you are praying for them, give a small gift, do something kind for your person without revealing your identity. If you would like to participate, sign up on the sheet in the narthex, with your name, full address and phone number. Drawing of names will be the first weekend of Advent, November 29 - 30th. Advent Angels will be revealed on Sunday, January 4th during the potluck held honoring the Feast Day of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. In order to have an Advent Angel, you must be an Advent Angel. If you have questions, please contact Jane at jekuchta1@gmail.com or 402-310-3036.

From Fr. Birkel- A Varied Study: Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall, I will take questions on Scripture or Theology. Instead of presenting a Bible study on a particular path that I might want to talk about, I will make it available for what you want to know.

Advent Healing Mass: All are welcome to receive physical, spiritual, and mental healing. Sunday, December 14, 2025 St. Patrick Church 409 East F Street,

McCook, NE 4:00pm Mass: Celebrant Rev. Christopher Barak of Lincoln, NE. Come early for the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:30pm. Confession available 3:00 – 4:00.

Christmas Flowers and Poinsettias - If you would like to honor your loved one(s) by donating to have Christmas poinsettias and flowers in our church, please make your donation by putting it in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" or use the envelope in the Church Offering Envelope. Please write the name(s) of those you are remembering to be put in the bulletin December 21. Deadline for the Christmas bulletin is Wednesday, December 17 at noon. Suggested donation is \$10 per name or couple.

Christmas Cards for Care Facilities in North Platte: The Daughters of Charity have organized the writing of Christmas Cards for the residents of the North Platte Care/Residential facilities after Masses on December 6th and 7th. All parishioners are invited and welcome to help in writing special messages to make their Christmas brighter. We will also be assembling gift boxes for the residents at Centennial Park Care Facility.

Christmas Decorating - Please join in the decorating of the church on Sunday, December 14th after Mass.

Ladies of the Parish- Please join us for the next meeting of Catholic Daughters Our Lady of Fatima Court #1549. *NOTE DAY/TIME CHANGE* SAT. 12/6, 10AM @ St Patrick Church Spiritual Life Center. For more information, contact Vicki Anderson, Regent.

We have begun the practice of singing the seasonal Marian antiphon as a postlude after Mass. From the beginning of Advent until the Presentation of the Lord, the antiphon is Alma Redemptoris Mater. The hymn number in the Saint Michael Hymnal is #51.

There will be a 5th Sunday Angelus & Rosary today (November 30) at 6:00pm.

From Fr. Birkel: I need to have a brief meeting with the parent of anyone who is having a child confirmed. This will be after Mass on Saturday the 6th or Sunday the 7th. **Also**, please come up to the Altar Rail when the 4th bell rings. If there are no servers, & so no bell, come up when I begin to drink from the Chalice.

Please pray for Sr. Mary Francis of Wichita, KS. She is a Junior Sister at the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Please pray for Jackson Schaefer of Cathedral of St. Cecilia Parish in Hastings. He is in the Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

Prayers Requests: Jerry & Sharon Beckius, +Barbara Rasmussen, +Deb McCaig +Fr. Henry Baxa