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# ST. ELIZABETH

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# 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.\*

## December 11, 2022: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<b>Monday 12/12</b>	8:00am	+Martha Burbach, Barb, Jim & Randy
<b>Tuesday 12/13</b>	8:00am	+Parents of Janet Bartek
<b>Wednesday 12/14</b>	5:30pm	Michael Zeleny
<b>Thursday 12/15</b>	8:00am	+Darrell Benjamin
<b>Friday 12/16</b>	8:00am	Ryan Bale
<b>Saturday 12/17</b>	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 12/18</b>	10:00am	+MSM Priests

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS December 17-18, 2022 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Volunteer needed	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Michael Krondak	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Nathan Miller	Keaton Hampton
	Cooper Gifford	Eidren Hampton
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer needed	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Swanson, Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton

**Stewardship for December 4, 2022: \$2,333**

**For any interested** (especially those who attended the Teaching Rock on Purgatory and Indulgences), the parish has available for sale, at \$15.00 each, several Manuals of Indulgences while supplies last. See Fr. Rand if you would like to purchase a copy.

**For Christmas,** Nathan thought it would be nice to buy his wife a little gift. Always frugal with money, he thought long and hard about what that present might be. Unable to decide, Nathan entered Debenhams and in the cosmetics section he asked the girl, 'How about some perfume?' She showed him a bottle costing \$150.00. 'Too expensive,' muttered Nathan. The young lady returned with a smaller bottle for \$50. 'Oh dear,' Nathan groused, 'still far too much.' Growing rather annoyed at Nathan's meanness, the sales girl brought out a tiny \$10 bottle and offered it to him. Nathan became really agitated, 'What I mean', he whined, 'is I'd like to see something really cheap.' So the sales girl handed him a mirror.

**With sadness, the Fr. Rand Trip Celebration** being planned for Dec 29 is now cancelled, due to unforeseen conflicts. Maybe next year!

**Confirmation families** should have received their packet. If not, contact Fr. Rand immediately. Please get the preliminary information requested in no later than December 21.

**Our parish welcomes two** new acolytes who received the necessary training and installation by the Bishop this weekend: Danny Gifford and Spencer Hampton. We also welcome Forrest Kain and John Bode who be joining as lectors.

**Make a thorough confession** as a gift to Jesus for his birthday. Aside from regularly scheduled times, our parish will add opportunities Monday, December 19 at 7:15 am and Tuesday, December 20 from 5-5:45 pm (with two priests). There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 24 or Sunday, December 25, so please plan accordingly. Appointments can also be made before December 21 directly with Fr. Rand, but don't wait until the last minute. Advent Penance Services for Holy Spirit and St Patrick's Churches will be December 18 at 3:00pm. 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.

**Thank you to St.** Nicholas and "helper" who left a gift for Fr. Rand on St. Nicholas' Feast Day—much appreciated.

**Online Carole Fest Benefit** for St. Gianna's Women's Home in Lincoln will be Sunday, December 18 at 3:00pm, with area choirs performing Advent and Christmas songs at St. John the Apostle Church. The concert can also be viewed online at [csshope.org](http://csshope.org). It costs \$16,000.00 each year to house a woman and her children, and the need is continuous to protect women and children from danger, abuse, death and abortion. There is no cost to attend or to listen online, but any gift is appreciated.

**All bulletin material** for the week between Christmas and New Year's needs to be in by Wednesday, December 21. The office will be closed December 23-January 1.

**For tax purposes,** anyone wishing to show on their 2022 contribution statement amounts given will need to have made the donations before December, 31, 2022. Statements will be processed mid-January for distribution.

**Beginning January 2, 2023** we will incorporate a short parish prayer at the end of all Masses. This prayer includes, in part, the St. Michael Prayer after Mass.

**All are invited to lend** a hand in helping decorate the church on Saturday, December 17 after 5:00pm Mass. We need the gift of the time and assistance you can provide. A meal is being provided for those volunteering.

**Thank you** to all who gave time, talent or resources to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe with flowers, song, prayers, or her rosary. As Patroness of the Americas, she should have a special place in the hearts of all peoples of North, South, and Central America.

**Please pray for the lonely** of our nation and world and consider what you may do to ease the loneliness of a neighbor, family member or even stranger. This time of year can be painful when one faces it without companionship or fellowship.

**Bible Study Online:** The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is now accepting registrations for a five-week course titled Opening the Word: Catholics and the Bible. The course will meet in person on Monday evenings (6:30-8:30pm) beginning January 9, but will also be available to watch by video (typically posted the following day, with class notes). Opening the Word is designed to familiarize students with the Bible generally, preparing them to read, study, pray, love, and live the Sacred Scriptures. It is the first of two interterm courses built into our Creation to New Creation program, but everyone is welcome to register for this beneficial course. Learn more and register at [www.EmmausInstitute.net](http://www.EmmausInstitute.net)

**Join Ascension Press** in a great New Year's resolution that will change your life – let's read the entire Catechism in a year using "The Catechism in a Year" podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning January 1, 2023. By listening to this podcast, we will: Read the entire Catechism in 365 days, Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter and transform our relationship with the Church that Christ founded. Each of the daily episodes will be about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen for your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group. Don't miss out on this opportunity to finally understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life! Please click this link to learn more and join us on this journey through the Catechism: [www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish](http://www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish)

**For those who are interested in making their contributions online:**

Step 1: Go to the website

<https://osvhub.com/stelizabethannseton/giving/funds/sunday-offertory>

(This website can also be found on our website under Parish Information - E-Tithe/ Online Giving)

Step 2: On the Donor site, click on Give Now, on the desired fund.

Step 3: Configure the Gift

1. Select an organization to Attribute a gift on behalf of from the drop down menu.

2. Enter a Gift amount. It can be an amount other than the suggested amount.

3. Select a Gift frequency.

4. Enter the desired Date for the Gift.

5. Click on the Continue button

6. Enter an Email address.

7. Enter a First name.

8. Enter a Last name.

9. Enter a Phone number. This is optional.

10. Select Payment Type: Bank or Credit Card.

11. Enter Payment Type information.

For a Credit Card, ensure the name that is auto populated matches the name on the card and enter the rest of the payment information. (Card number, CVV, expiration month and year.)

For Banking Information, enter whether it is checking or savings, the routing number and account number.

12. If desired, check the box to donate up to an extra 5% to Offset Processing Fees.

13. Enter Payment Method Address. (This is not the payment method institution address. For example, it may be the address where the statement is mailed.)

14. Select whether to give a gift as a guest or to create an account.

15. If creating an account, create a password.

16. Click on Submit your Gift to populate a confirmation of Thanks. The Donor receives a confirmation email which includes the Gift information. The Gift is processed!

Note\* A returning Donor is prompted to sign in if they enter a recognized email while filling out the Your Information form.

**Thank you to all** who switched out last year's for this year's new Pew Missal. Your gift of time to the parish was appreciated.

**Are you seeking to grow in holiness?** Are you looking for a deeper sense of belonging or stronger relationship and connection with Christ, His Church or our local parish? One of the best means, if time or distance is not a hindrance, is to join us at a weekday Mass. There is an abundance of graces waiting at each Mass for those who attend, as well as the opportunity to form a personal intention and place it spiritually on the priest's patent to be lifted up to our Father in heaven.

**Daughters of Charity** will meet after Mass on December 11 at 11:00am (Christmas Card Writing).

**Christmas Choir:** Choir Practice for Christmas will take place on Dec. 14, and 21, both at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. There will then be practice at 3:30pm on December 24 preceding Mass. Please join us—we would love to have you!

**This Christmas, don't forget God's little ones!** Our parish will be hosting an Advent Baby Shower. A crib is in the church entry for gifts for God's children. The Baby Shower runs from Nov. 27 until Jan 8, 2023. Gifts will be donated to the Women's Resource Center.

**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.

**Knights of Columbus** Breakfast will be December 11, beginning at 8:30 am until 1 pm in the Parish Hall. Serving Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy and pancakes. Free will offering. Proceeds assist the Knights with the many parish, spiritual, and community needs they support.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, December 12 at 7:00pm.

**From the Women's Resource Center:** Thank you to the Catholic Daughters of Charity at St. Elizabeth for the cookies! What a delicious blessing! .... Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for your gift of coats! Everyone who came was able to take one!

**Will the "Memory Tree" be part of your preparation and celebration of Christmas?** The Memory Tree is a place to bring and put on a meaningful ornament in honor of all one's deceased family and friends. This ornament should be of no value since we cannot guarantee it wouldn't get broken or disappear. All are asked to pray for those being remembered in their personal prayers. Those wishing to keep their ornament are asked to retrieve it by January 8.

**Our parish will offer the next Advent** Reflection "Walking with Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem" on Wednesday, December 14, "Mary." It will 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.

**"St. Lucy's Lights" on view this month:** Before science was able to disprove their theories, early Catholics believed that meteors were sent by God. The Perseids meteor showers which occur annually in August, were thought by Catholics to be the fiery tears of the martyred St. Lawrence; the Geminid Meteor Showers which occur around mid-December, is sometimes called St. Lucy's Lights in honor of the "Saint of Light" virgin and martyr whose feast falls on December 13. This year an average of 75 multicolored meteors are expected. The showers peak on the morning of December 14, although some meteors should be visible from December 14-24. Best viewing is usually to the east after midnight.

**Pope Francis' Intentions for December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations:** We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**St. Pat's School News: St. Pat's School News:**  
**Upcoming Events:** Dec. 11: 1:30pm- McDaid Christmas Program, Dec. 12: 4:00pm- JH GBB vs. NPMS, 5:00pm- Res. Bball @ Gothenburg, Dec. 13: 5:00pm- G&B Bball @ Ogallala, Dec. 14: 4:00pm- JH GBB @ NPMS, 6:30pm- Activities Assoc. Meeting, Dec. 15: 4:30pm- B&G Bball vs. Gothenburg, Dec. 17: 10:00am- WR @ Sutherland.  
**St. Pat's Christmas Program:** Monday, December 19, 6:30pm, St. Pat's High School Gym. **NPCS** is grateful for your generosity at year's end! Your donations support teacher salaries, facility operations, tuition assistance, teacher grants, and special projects at Little Leprechaun, McDaid, and St. Pat's. Giving online is easy! Please visit: [apps.npcschoools.org/donate-now](https://apps.npcschoools.org/donate-now). Or, mail to: NPCS Endowment, PO Box 57 North Platte, NE 69103 Memorial donations, Annual Fund gifts, Campaign pledge payments, Year-End donations...can ALL be made securely.

**Prayer Intentions:** Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul.  
☩Bob Brungardt, ☩Mary Jane (Janie) Davis,  
☩Maureen McClendon