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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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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 18, 2022: 4th Sunday of Advent

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 12/19	8:00am	+Collen Siebe
Tuesday 12/20	8:00am	+Hiilda Spindler
Wednesday 12/21	5:30pm	Names in Book of Memories/Blessings
Thursday 12/22	8:00am	+Grandparents of J.B.
Friday 12/23	8:00am	+Sheryl Darpoli
Saturday 12/24	5:00pm	Poor Souls
Sunday 12/25	12:00am 10:00am	Missa pro Populo McKenna Ketter

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS December 24-25, 2022 (Christmas)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 12:00am	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Jim Griffin	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Michael Krondak Danny Gifford	Duane Johnsen	Jerry Cooper Greg Vandenberg
Server	Alex Krondak	Harmon Johnsen	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Volunteer Needed	Liam Pieper
Music	Choir	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer- Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Galen Warburton

Stewardship for December 11, 2022: \$1,922.26

Wanting to schedule a retreat for next year? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House has their NEW 2023 Spring Retreat Schedule. Join Fr. Eric Clark for “Becoming Apostles of Mercy” Retreat on Jan. 13-15. On Jan.19-22 gf will host the “Meet Me at the Well: Women’s Spiritual Exercises”. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Spirit Catholic Radio KVSS (90.1 North Platte): 9:00am-5:00pm, Dec. 27-29. There will be Christmas music, including from many Catholic school and parish choirs from Nebraska.

Daughters of Charity News: Drawing for the quilt was done last Sunday, and the winner was Teri Volesky. We want to thank all those who bought tickets and sold tickets. Total proceeds were \$354.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shoot for boys and girls ages 9-13 will be January 15 at St Patrick’s at 1:00pm. Mark your calendars!

The first Teaching Rock of 2023 will be Wednesday, January 4. It will be a celebration of fellowship with an amusing test (and answers) on just how well you know your new pastor, or think you know him, after 6 months. All are asked to bring a snack to share with each other. It will begin at 6:15pm.

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.

Please note that Fr. Rand has made a switch and has placed the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton statue in the sanctuary, and St. Therese in the narthex. The patroness of the parish belongs in her church, especially as we call upon her prayers of intercession for us as a parish family. This will also help eliminate the confusion of our younger ones and visitors who thought St. Therese was St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Thank you to all who helped this weekend to decorate the church for Christmas. Your gifts of time and talents will be blessed and are appreciated for stepping up.

Fr. Rand will be taking a break after Christmas Masses until Wednesday, December 28, in the afternoon.

Thank you to all who signed Christmas cards for nursing home and homebound residents. The parish received a few calls from some very grateful people who said it will likely be the only card they receive. This is a beautiful expression of our parish community working together to bring the Christmas message to others.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 8 for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast from 8:30am-12:30pm (with assistance from the Daughters of Charity). This will be serving as our Parish Feast Day Celebration. We hope all parishioners join in fellowship, as we both celebrate our parish family and begin a new calendar year. Please also invite neighbors to come and support the Knights breakfast, who so generously support the parish and greater Church.

A reminder that if the weather is too dangerous to travel or causes icy grounds, one should stay home with total peace of mind. This also would include if one is ill or taking care of a family member who is ill. The higher degree of charity is to remain home and not infect anyone else.

There will be no Daughter of Charity meeting on Sunday, January 8. The Knights of Columbus will have their regular meeting on Monday, January 9 at 7:00pm.

Turn the reception of Christmas cards into an opportunity to pray for those who thought enough of you to send a card. Collect all the cards in a basket or box, and then pull out one each day until they are gone to intercede and pray for the giver.

Thank you to all who scooped and/or made safer our walkways after recent storms. Your gift of time found a home in many hearts with a return of grateful prayers.

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.

Feast of the Epiphany – January 6th, The Epiphany blessing is a simple blessing written on the main entrance door of your home as follows: The first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the New Year. So this year, it would look like this for English speakers: 20 + C + M + B + 23. The meaning behind the letters C + M + B There are traditionally two meanings behind the letters C, B, and M The initials of the wise men: Caspar, Balthazar, and Melchior The first letters in the Latin Phrase: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (meaning May Christ Bless this House). What do I need to bless my home? Holy Water , Chalk, A Door, The Actual Blessing of your home Make the sign of the cross and sprinkle some holy water on the door. Then, recite a simple prayer like the following or similar: “Loving God, bless this household and all who enter. May all who pass through this door be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and a desire to do your will. We ask this through Christ Jesus, our only Savior and King. Amen” You can find more extended Epiphany Blessings online if you wish. If you have more than one person in your home, each person can take a turn writing the letters over the door and blessing the home. This might be a beautiful way to have your entire family involved in the blessing and can be a wonderful reminder that your family reflects the presence of Christ’s love all year round!

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly 607 will meet on Wednesday, December 21st at 8:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 515 East 5th Street. Refreshments will follow the meeting. All Fourth Degree members are encouraged to attend.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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

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.

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

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 altar to be lifted up to our Father in heaven.

Christmas Choir: Choir Practice for Christmas will take place on Dec. 21 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.

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.

St. Pat's School News: **Dec. 19:** 4:00pm JH Girls BB @ Our Redeemer, 6:30pm- St. Pat's Christmas Program, **Dec. 20:** 4:30pm- G & B BB vs. Elm Creek, 6:00pm- Wrestling Tri @ Brady, **Dec. 21:** 4:00pm-JH Boys BB @ Our Redeemer (C Team Only), **Dec. 22:** End of 1st Semester, 12:00pm Dismissal, 11:00am- Retired Friends Dinner @ St. Pat's High School, **Dec 23-Jan 3:** Christmas Break. **Christmas Food Drive:** The National Honor Society and the Student Council joined together & organized a food drive this Christmas Season. By implementing a competition between grade levels 7th-12th, large amounts of food donations arrived at school and were delivered to local charities. **NPCS has opened our enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year!** Contact 308-532-1874 or g.covey@npcschools.org. **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. Please visit: apps.npcschools.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.

Villa Marie School's annual fundraising dance and auction Shine Like His Stars 2023, is January 27th at Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. It's time to purchase your general admission tickets, reserve a table, bid on auction items, or make a donation. Text [vmdance23](https://vmdance23.com) to 243725, bidpal.net/vmdance23.

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