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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](mailto:rectory-office@seas-np.org).\*

**December 21, 2025: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 12/22	7:00am	McKenna Ketter
Tuesday 12/23	8:00am	Jeff & Shelli Hubkad (No Mass Friday)
Wednesday 12/24	5:30pm	Intentions of Fr. Rand
Thursday 12/25	10:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Friday 12/26	No Mass	
Saturday 12/27	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 12/28	10:00 am	Don Newman

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS**  
December 27 – 28, 2025 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Volunteer Needed	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Spencer Hampton
Server	Elijah Heimann	Weston Hammond
	Jeffrey Peiffer	Johnathan Birulkin
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
Ushers	David Gross	Volunteer Needed

**Stewardship: December 14, 2025: Adult Envelopes- \$4,910, Christmas Flowers- \$85, Holy Day- \$160, Loose Plate- \$120.76, Maintenance- \$125, Total- \$5,400.76**

**Johnny and Courtney Peiffer** welcomed a sweet baby boy into their family! Please sign up if you are willing and able to take them a meal. Visit [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com), press "Find a Meal Schedule," and search for the last name Peiffer. The password is 1208. Please contact Ashley Perlinger if you are unable to access the schedule.

**Don't throw away your Christmas cards!** Please donate them to Catholic Daughters Court #1549 for our holiday project. Collection boxes are in the gathering area until the end of January. Thank you!

**Marriage Encounter Experience** at North American Martyrs Church: Feb. 20-22 in Lincoln, "Communicating Enhancing Our Marriage." Register right-away to save a place. Call/Text 402-370-5839

**Knights of Columbus CAN** turn your aluminum cans into additional funding for our charitable work in the parish and community. Please place them in blue bin at southeast corner of parking lot. Thank you.

**A food drive for Women Resource Center** will be conducted by Knights of Columbus. We welcome donation of nonperishable items in box(es) in narthex. Suggested items: mac 'n' cheese, crackers, pasta, and pasta sauces, cereal, Knorr Sides, Hamburger Helper.

**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.

**Friends of Christ in the Midst of the World — Men's Retreat, January 16–18, 2026** | With Bishop Robert Finn. Men of all ages are invited to a weekend of quiet, prayer, and renewal at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Bishop Finn will guide participants in reflections on the Plan of Life, the call to holiness, and our identity as sons of God. The retreat begins Friday with a 7:00 p.m. conference and Rosary, and concludes Sunday with

Mass and noon lunch. Attend in person or register for the virtual option. Register at: [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org)

**Feast Day Celebration** - All Parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend our Parish celebration on St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day, Sunday, January 4, 2026 following the 10:00am Mass. We will have a potluck meal in the Parish Hall with fried chicken, drinks, and table service provided by the Daughters of Charity. The remainder of the meal will be potluck, with those attending being asking to bring a side dish, dessert, or both. This is a time to deepen our ties as a spiritual family and for fellowship. Please mark your calendars to attend.

**Ladies of the Parish**- Please join us for the next meeting of the Catholic Daughters Our Lady of Fatima Court #1549. January 3, 10am @ St Patrick Church Spiritual Life Center. For more information, contact Vicki Anderson, Regent.

### **All Oppression Shall Cease**

The Christmas song "O Holy Night" includes the following words: "Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease."

This is a reminder that as we celebrate Christmas, we renew our commitment to ending all oppression, particularly of those who are most oppressed, the children living before birth within their mothers...children who have been deprived of legal protection, and are oppressed by the mythology of choice.

In the name of the newborn Christ, the oppression of our unborn children will cease. May Christmas give us the strength to be silent no more, and more active than ever in the pro-life cause.

**Please pray for** Sr. Joy Le of Lincoln, NE. She is a Junior Sister at the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

**Please pray for** Daniel Stara of St. Mary Parish in David City. He is in the Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

**Prayers Requests:** Jerry & Sharon Beckius, +Erika Schmidt