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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 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-
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December 25, 2022: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 12/26	8:00am	No Mass
Tuesday 12/27	8:00am	No Mass
Wednesday 12/28	5:30pm	+Albert & Lucille Malsbury
Thursday 12/29	7:30am	Scott Rieker
Friday 12/30	7:30am	Elizabeth Haag
Saturday 12/31	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 1/1	10:00am	Todd Schmid

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

December 31, 2022-January 1, 2023 (Mary, Mother of God)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Michael Krondak
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Ron Tejral
Server	Nicholas Krondak	Andrew Tejral
	Alex Krondak	Kieran Tejral
Music	Volunteer Needed	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Galen Warburton

Stewardship for December 18, 2022: \$3,920, Flowers: \$80

In continuity with a custom in many parishes, a dish has been placed at the sanctuary crib scene for donations to be used for the poor. This is a teaching moment, especially in families with little children. Please give the children the opportunity to come close to the scene and share with them your knowledge and faith in what it represents.

Griefshare Sessions is offering a 13-week video session from January 4, 2023-March 29, 2023 in the Parish Hall of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (North Platte). Each video is 1.5 hours long. There is a one-time fee of \$20 for the manual. Contact Elaine Bode at 308-386-8679 for more information.

All attending Daily Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (Friday, Dec. 30, 7:30am) are invited to an Irish Breakfast at 8:30am in the Parish Hall.

Walk for Life, Lincoln: There's something NEW with the annual Nebraska Walk for Life! In celebration of the reversal of Roe v Wade, the inaugural Walk for Life Gala, a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life, will be held the night before the Walk. Come for either or both. This year's featured speaker, Dr. John Bruchalski, will be participating in both events, and will describe his journey from a physician performing abortions to a leading light in pro-life medicine. Tickets for the Gala, which will be at Embassy Suites in Lincoln on Friday, January 27, 2023, are \$50, and can be purchased online at nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2023, or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (noting it is for Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. The Nebraska Walk for Life on January 28 begins at the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. followed by the walk to the UNL Student Union and Dr. Bruchalski's keynote speech at 11:30.

Sarah, a new young bride, calls her mother in tears. She sobs, "Richard doesn't appreciate what I do for him." "Now, now," her mother comforted, "I am sure it was all just a misunderstanding." "No, mother, you don't understand. I bought a frozen turkey roll and he yelled and screamed at me about the price." "Well, the nerve of that lousy cheapskate," says her mom. "Those turkey rolls are only a few dollars." "No, mother it wasn't the price of the turkey. It was the airplane ticket." "Airplane

ticket..." What did you need an airplane ticket for?" "Well mother, when I went to fix it, I looked at the directions on the package and it said: "Prepare from a frozen state," so I flew to Alaska."

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas! In addition, thank you to the choir/cantors who provided music for Christmas Masses—both brought joy to eyes and ears! Please pray that God blesses all who helped make our celebration of the Nativity of Jesus so enriching, and deepened our fellowship within our parish family.

Called to the Silence: 3 Day Ignatian Retreat Opportunity: God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away after the holidays? Steep yourself in the sacred space of the Creighton University Retreat Center, just one hour east of Omaha, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an Ignatian-trained spiritual director daily to reflect on what's stirring in your heart. Opportunity for mass daily and confession. Retreat cost including room and meals is \$350. Choose one of the 4 opportunities to attend. January 19-22, 2023, February 23-26, 2023, April 13-16, 2023, May 4-7, 2023 Register at Creighton.edu/curc

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, Good Counsel 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 office will be closed December 23-January 1.

Thank you to Ron Tejral, Andrew Tejral, and Greg Vandenberg for changing the spotlights in the church.

The Catholic Daughters of America 1549 Court of Our Lady of Fatima will meet at 1:30 pm Saturday January 7 at St Patrick's Spiritual Life Center.

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.

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.

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

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.

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!

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

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.

St. Pat's School News: Upcoming Events:

Thursday, December 29—Arapahoe Holiday Tournament Friday, December 30—Arapahoe Holiday Tournament. School will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2023! **St. Pat's Spanish teacher, Mrs. Farr, and her classes** helped the Jr/Sr High students complete the Advent Season with a Las Posadas celebration. Las Posadas, (Spanish: means inns or lodging) typically takes place on nine nights from December 16 to 24. Our celebration started with the students walking through the hallway and singing the Canto para Pedir Posada song in Spanish. The seniors led the way and stopped at different classrooms, knocked on the door and those students joined them in the procession. The celebration ended with a bilingual mass at McDaid. **Student of the Month:** Kirstin Brandt has been selected as the 'Student of the Month' for December. Teachers and Student Council members vote on a student to receive this honor. Kirstin, a senior, is the daughter of Troy and Renae Brandt of North Platte. Her school activities include cross country, track, Strutters, National Honor Society, choir, Discipleship Group and St. Pat's Pro-life group. Outside of school—she serves as a Eucharistic minister at parish masses and has helped with Meals on Wheels. Kirstin and her family are members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. She has two siblings, Cade a Sophomore and Kaelyn an 8th grader, who are both at St. Pat's Jr/Sr High. .

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 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