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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 Perlinger (Bulletin, website, sign,
 choir, miscellaneous)

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 and or instruction
 before any date is set.

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 11:15am-
 12:30pm.
 Interested in becoming Catholic?
 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. *

December 3, 2023: 1st Sunday of Advent

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 12/4</i>	8:00 am	Liv/Dec Knights of Columbus
<i>Tuesday 12/5</i>	8:00 am	Names Book Memories & Blessings
<i>Wednesday 12/6</i>	5:30 pm	+Reiny Burbach
<i>Thursday 12/7</i>	8:00 am (weekday) 5:30 pm (Vigil)	+Marty Safford Missa Pro Populo
<i>Friday 12/8</i>	8:00 am	+Sr. Edwardine Rezek
<i>Saturday 12/9</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 12/10</i>	10:00 am	+Candy Sailer

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS December 9-10, 2023 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Ron Tejral
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Elijah Heimann	Weston Hammond
	Nicholas Krondak	Volunteer Needed
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

Stewardship: November 26, 2023 & Thanksgiving: Adult Envelopes-
 \$3,283.50, Cloistered Sisters- \$350

Our Lady of Guadalupe: There will be a free-will Spaghetti Takeout Meal from 5 pm-6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 12. The meal will include spaghetti, choice of topping, salad, and garlic bread. Stop in and give yourself a break from cooking, and support this gift gathering effort.

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 in the narthex 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 7.

Hearing the Word-Understanding the Bible. 5 sessions with two opportunities in our Diocese. Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm January 8-February 5 and Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm January 9-February 6. Register at www.Emmausinstitute.net

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS/FLOWERS: If you would like to honor your loved one(s) living or deceased with a Christmas poinsettia/flower, please use the Christmas Flower envelope in your packets and list the intentions with your donation making sure to indicate living or deceased. Place donations either in the collection basket or in the office drop-slot. All marked donations will be listed in the Christmas parish bulletin (December 24). Deadline to be listed in the bulletin is Monday, Dec. 18th . If you do not have an envelope or lost yours you can use any envelope and put the pertinent information on it and drop it in the collection basket.

The Knights of Columbus will host their monthly breakfast on Sunday, December 10 from 8:30-noon. Featuring omelets and biscuits and gravy.

St. Nicholas will be leaving bags, with the help of the KC, after Masses on Wednesday, December 6 (his Feast Day) and Thursday, December 7 for children.

A string walks into a bar and the bartender goes, "Sorry, we don't serve strings here." The string walks out all sad and defeated, then has a great idea. He ties himself in a bow, cuts off his ends to look all pretty, and struts back into the bar. The bartender looks at him and goes, "Hey, aren't you that string I turned away before?" and the string goes, "Nope! I'm a frayed knot!"

The Knights of Columbus meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 11 in the Parish Hall.

In addition to regular scheduled confession opportunities, the following have been added to prepare for a holy Christmas. They will be on Monday, December 18 at 8:30am until the last in line is heard; Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00pm until last in line is heard; Friday, December 22 from 5:00pm-6:00pm; and Saturday, December 23 at 6:00pm until last in line is heard. There will be no confessions on Sunday, December 24.

Grief & the Holidays with Sandy Danek, founder of the Healing Hearts Grief Ministry. Sandy will talk about grief & the holidays, what it can look like, ways of finding healing and comfort, and ways to support friends or family who may be grieving the loss of a loved one. Event will be at the Harbor Coffeehouse, 7:00pm. in the Shoppes at Piedmont and will also be live-streamed. Registration is not required, but helps us to have an accurate estimate of attendance for food and for those attending virtually. <https://lincolnDiocese.regfox.com/grief>

Announcing a Mini Christmas Gift Gathering Raffle with a drawing on Dec 19, 2023. Tickets are \$1 each. Tickets will be available at Masses or by request from the office or Father Rand. The biggest gift, aside from purchasing some tickets for yourself or family, is to offer to take a few to make available to coworkers or neighbors. Prizes have all been donated by fellow Parishioners and include: First-Two Precious Moment Baby Throws; Second Mini-Bundle of Beef; Third \$25.00 Gas Card and Fourth-Two dozen homemade cinnamon rolls.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. "Finding a oneness of heart, we all desire." The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is Feb. 9-11 in Lincoln. Contact Brenda & Gary Granger to register or to ask questions: 303-604-6202.

The Daughters of Charity will have no business meeting Sunday, December 10 and will host instead the annual Christmas card signing for shut-ins and nursing home residents. All are invited to participate.

Women at the Well Advent Encounter: Virtual Guest Speaker Claire Dwyer on Sunday, December 3. Social at 6:30 pm, and Event at 7 pm, Adoration & Confessions at 8 pm. Located at North Platte's Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio: How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/> as we share with your ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings 7-9AM, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/>

PrayMoreNovenas.com Our next online retreat for Advent! This Advent season gives us an opportunity to reignite hope in our hearts and to strengthen our relationship with the Lord through prayer. The Pray More Advent Retreat starts on December 4th. Go to our website to learn more or to sign up. We will be focusing on transforming our prayer lives this Advent so that we can prepare for Jesus Christ's coming at Christmas, and when He comes again.

Christmas Cards will be written for the residents of the North Platte care facilities and SEAS shut-ins after Masses on December 9th - 10th. If you have extra Christmas Cards, please bring them to the Parish Hall on the weekends or leave them at the Parish Office prior to December 9th.

With the unrest in the Holy Land, Fr. Rand now invites all to consider a new spiritual pilgrimage to Italy from April 9 for 11 days with roundtrip flights from Omaha. Visit the sites of Eucharistic miracles, Rome and the Vatican, Assisi (St. Francis and St. Clare), Orvieto, Cascia (St. Rita), Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotunda (Padre Pio), Grotto of St Michael the Archangel, Holy Veil of Manoppello and so much more. Check out the website tektonministries.org and look for pilgrimages and scroll down to April 9 Italy out of Omaha and read the online brochure, pricing and/or to register online. This is an opportunity that will enrich anyone's spiritual life and is open to anyone Catholic or not.

St. Pat's School News- Upcoming Events:

Monday, December 4: 2:00PM—JH G&B BB @ MHC Tuesday, December 5: 9:50AM—Chapel Mass @ St. Pat's High School 4:00PM—JV/V BB @ Kearney Catholic Wednesday, December 6: NSAA State One Act Thursday, December 7: 4:00PM—JV/V BB vs. Maxwell 6:00PM—WR Tri @ Kearney Catholic Friday, December 8: 2:00PM—WR Irish Invite Saturday, December 9: 9:00AM—JH G&B BB vs. Sutherland 3:30PM—R/JV/V BB vs. Hershey Sunday, December 10 1:30PM—McDaid Christmas Program. It's the holiday season.... We hope you'll prayerfully consider SCRIP for holiday shopping and gifting! Purchase SCRIP gift cards make excellent gifts, with many retailers available in smaller (stocking-stuffer) denominations. Purchase at the Endowment (601 S. Tabor Ave) office Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00, call 308-534-5939, or visit www.raiseright.com.

The choir will be leading music on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm. We always welcome new voices! Please contact Matt at 308-289-3187 or email Ashley at seasparishcoordinator@gmail.com for information on choir practices.

The Homestead Refuge Dedication is Sunday, December 3, with doors opening at 3 pm and service to begin at 3:30 pm. It is located at 32868 S Branting Rd, Wellfleet, NE. There are thousands of victims of sex trafficking. We help them learn to live again.

5 Steps To Prepare Yourself for a Holy Advent:

1. Ask God to help you draw near to Him. The more we yearn for Christ in Advent, the closer we come to a real celebration of Christmas 2. Begin to practice silence. Don't let the noise of the world distract from listening in prayer 3. Gather your essential Advent items. Allow the full meaning of Advent to enter with Advent candles in the home, works of mercy and letter writing to those who need encouragement or combatting loneliness or grief 4. Don't sweat the small stuff. Allow patience, priorities and purpose to overcome obstacles, worries or stresses 5. Prepare for a good confession now. Give Christ the gift he yearns for—a cleared conscience and peace with God, neighbor and self!

Relationships descriptions in terms of a Parish or church: A. Those who treat the local church like a store. These types of people are always shopping for the best deal for themselves. These folks are highly uncommitted. They base their presence on the music, the preaching, the social climate, the entertainment value, the ability to be unknown or unseen in the crowd. When things don't suit them, they go elsewhere to shop. B. Those who treat the local church like their favorite restaurant. This type of people has fooled themselves into thinking that they are faithful and loyal to their local church because they only/exclusively attend just one local church, but they are rarely seen and, because of their lack of attendance, don't give of their time, talents, and treasure with ease. They reserve a place for special events, celebrations or occasions just as you would in giving your presence to your favorite restaurant. C. Those who treat the local church like their local gym. They have plunged themselves into making their lives spiritually healthy and their neighbors' lives better. They hardly miss a Sunday without good reason out of faithfulness to give of themselves. They continue to work out on their own nearly every day (i.e., praying, doing works of mercy, spiritual reading, sharing their faith) and

then on Sunday, they converge at their local church to work out by lifting some serious weight as they love, give, forgive, share, and serve. They go to receive Christ and to impart and strengthen Christian witness to their spiritual family, even as they seek to strengthen their own families or selves, and carry Christ to the waiting world.

Thank you to all who have been bringing jars for projects. We have enough for the time being and so have no need for more to be saved.

Carole Fest- This hybrid benefit for the St. Gianna Program will be Sunday, December 10 at 3:00pm at St John the Apostle Church in Lincoln. Lincoln area choirs will perform Advent and Christmas songs. The concert can also be viewed live on the website csshope.org. The hope is to raise \$60,000 to cover the expenses of the program and security for three women and their families for a year. To make a donation, go to csshope.org/carolefest2023

Parents preparing for their child's First Penance and Communion: Whether you are enrolled in the Catholic school, CCD, or Homeschooling, we want to make sure you are on the contact list for those to receive these two sacraments in 2024. First Penance will be January 21 and First Communion will be April 7. Please email or write a note to Fr. Rand should you want to be included. Thanks!

CCD reminder: Only two instruction times are left in 2023 (December 3 and 10). There will be no class on December 17, 24, 31 or January 7. Instruction will resume January 14, 2024

Christmas Masses will be Sunday, December 24 at 5 pm and Monday, December 25 at 10 am. Solemnity of Mary Masses will be Sunday, December 31 at 4 pm and Monday, January 1 at 9 am.

Sharing your own faith journey can serve as a means for the Holy Spirit to invite to return someone who has left attending Mass or may be spiritually wandering and looking for a home. Opening your heart to another and freely expressing your own story is a powerful means of seeing the fallen away found!

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul +Chris Svec ill-Sylvia Prather, ill- Gene Johnston