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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 4, 2022: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions		
Monday 12/5	8:00am	Increase Vocations: Priesthood, Religious and Married State
Tuesday 12/6	8:00am	Rick Hallquist
Wednesday 12/7	5:30pm	Judy Tejral
Thursday 12/8	Immaculate Conception 8:00am 5:30pm	+Lanny Burr Missa Pro Populo
Friday 12/9	8:00am	Monica Kramer
Saturday 12/10	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 12/11	10:00am	+Mary Safford

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

December 10-11, 2022 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Ron Tejral
Acolyte	Volunteer Needed	Conrad Buhrman
Server	James Krondak	Luke Miller
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

**Stewardship for November 27, 2022: \$2,539, Thanksgiving: \$285,
Contemplative Sisters: \$290**

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.

“Just to establish some parameters,” said Father to his Adult Education group, “Mr. Tarr, what is the opposite of joy?” “Sadness,” said Mr. Tarr. “And the opposite of depression, Ms. Helms?” “Elation.” “And you, Mr. Fields, how about the opposite of woe?” Perplexed for a minute he smiled and said “I believe that would be giddy up!

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 Belle Soto and Alice Robinson for their talents in some liturgical sewing projects.

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

The 33rd Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will follow the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 7) with an hour of adoration to bring about an end to abortion. The time is chosen to coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to St. Juan Diego in 1531. It is of utmost importance to appeal to Our Lady, Patroness of the Unborn and of our nation for this intention and to unite with Catholics across our nation. This appeal is an objective of the USCCB and of the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities.

Christmas Choir: Choir Practice for Christmas will take place on Dec. 7 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Later practices will be 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.

Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation, under pain of mortal sin for missing purposely—the Immaculate Conception will be Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 5:30pm (followed by Adoration) and Thursday, December 8 at 8:00am and 5:30pm.

Daughters of Charity will meet after Mass on December 11 at 11:00am.

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.

“In a real sense, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a daily Christmas. How, you might ask? Very simply: the priest consecrates the Host which is transformed into Jesus. He is really born in the hands of the priest. Then, when you approach to receive Holy Communion with a pure and loving heart, Jesus is born in your heart. Your soul becomes a real Bethlehem—House of Bread. Therefore, try to attend Holy Mass as often as possible and let Jesus be born in your heart in the worthy reception of Holy Communion.”—Fr. Ed Broom

Make a difference in someone else's life by donating food to the North Platte Catholic Food Pantry. With the holidays fast approaching the need to provide food to persons with low incomes, single parents, the elderly, disabled vets, and the working poor is NOW! The North Platte Catholic Food Pantry provides opportunities to help put food on their tables. A wicker basket is placed in the narthex where you may deposit your donations of canned or boxed food items during November. For further information, contact Sharon Beckius at 532-0763.

The Knights of Columbus are willing to match up to \$250 toward a \$500 request challenge to help Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly replace and upgrade the cost of an emergency need for furnaces, tanks, and installation. If you feel moved by the Spirit to help, please place your donation in an envelope marked "KC Match for Retreat House". Thanks for any generosity shown.

Fr. Rand's Triple C Celebration (Christmas Cuisine, Carols) is being planned for Thursday, December 29 at 6:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale next week and will include a buffet meal, Christmas carols, and a "White Elephant Giveaway". Tickets are \$20 each. Proceeds are designated toward helping our youth attend the March for Life in January, other camps, and our summer CCD down the road. We invite you to come with some friends for fellowship and fun this Christmas season, while simultaneously helping our younger parishioners.

(Christmas Cuisine, Carols, and Choices). Tickets will be available soon! More in upcoming bulletins.

All are invited December 3 and 4 after Masses to fellowship in our Parish Hall, featuring chili and turkey noodle soup. Proceeds are designated to help the high school students of our parish, who are planning to attend the National Right to Life March in January with other youth of the Lincoln and Grand Island Dioceses, lessen the costs. These are the same youth who volunteered at November's beginning to help the Ukrainian people in need with our Spaghetti Feed. Please join us as we get to know each other and assist through this free will offering our youth to make a stand for Human Life.

During Advent, immediately before each weekend Mass, a short prayer led by the lector will be offered as the appropriate Advent candle(s) are brought forward to be placed.

For planning purposes in December: 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. Christmas Mass times in our parish will be Saturday December 24 at 5:00pm and Sunday, December 25 at Midnight and 10:00am. No confessions will be heard before the Christmas Masses. The Solemnity of Mary (New Year) Masses will be the regular scheduled weekend Masses.

Watch in the narthex for the "Memory Tree," as part of preparation and celebration of Christmas. The Memory Tree is a place to bring and put on a meaningful ornament in honor of all of 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 them by January 8.

Looking to go deep during the Advent Season? Join Fr. Joseph Wahlmeier for "The 'O Antiphons' of Advent" Retreat on Dec. 2-4 at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. On Dec. 16-18 we will have the "Incarnational Intimacy" retreat with Fr. Steve Mills and Dec. 28-30 we will be hosting a virtual watch party for the "Encounter Ministries Conference". More info: goodcounselretreat.org, office@goodcounselretreat.org, 402-786-2705.

North Platte St. Patrick's Christmas Boutique is BACK Dec. 10th! St Patrick's Catholic Church 415 N. Chestnut 10am-3pm lunch served in the Parish Hall. Bake sale, crafts, Jelly, Jewelry, and many other exciting items.

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.

The Magnificat Advent Companion for this Advent (Nov. 27- Dec. 25), are being provided by the generosity of one of our parish family members who desires to remain anonymous. This is a great means of making Advent more spiritual with each day’s short reflection and the inclusion of a Prayer before the Christmas Stable; the Advent Stations; Special Advent prayers; and the “o” Antiphons of Dec 17-23.

While supplies last, Advent Calendars from Fr. Rand to take home (especially for families with children) will be available in the narthex. Please take one home to count down the 24 days until Christmas. Save them for future years.

The North Platte Catholic Community Food Pantry has launched a GoFundMe campaign to try to raise funds to repair our floors and ceilings. We desperately need to address the poor condition of our old tile floors and our damaged ceiling tiles. As many of you may know, we are located in the old Knights of Columbus Hall, a building that is over 70 years old. To learn more about our campaign and to donate, go to: <https://gofund.me/1d4d4b15>. <https://www.northplattegiving.org/>. Click on donate and search for North Platte Catholic Community Food Pantry.

If you have Christmas Cards that you are no longer in need of, please drop them off in the Parish Hall. The DOC invites you to help write Christmas greetings to those who are homebound, in nursing and/or care centers on the weekend of December 10th-11th in the Parish Hall after Masses. The residents enjoy reading the cards and for some, the best gift they receive is being remembered.

On Saturdays of Advent, there will be Exposition at the end of evening Mass. This will be for anyone

desiring to pray before our Eucharistic Lord. Reposition will be at 7:00pm.

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. 5: 2:00pm—JH G&B BB vs Maywood-HC, Dec. 6: 4:00pm—G&B BB vs. Kearney Catholic, Dec. 8: 4:30pm—G&B Bball @ Maxwell, 6:00pm—WR Tri @ Kearney Catholic, Dec. 9: 2:00pm- WR Irish Invite @ St. Pat's, Dec. 10: ACT Test Date, 9:00am- JH G & B BB @ Sutherland, 2:30pm- G & B BB @ Hershey, Dec. 11: McDaid Christmas Program At the Fox Theatre, 1:30pm! Monday, December 19, 6:30pm, St. Pat's Christmas Program- St. Pat's High School Gym! Our NPCS Enrollment for 2023-2024 is now OPEN! A great education is the ultimate gift a parent can give. We aim to educate the whole child, and promise that you will be making a priceless investment in your child's future. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact PR/Enrollment Director Gwen Covey @ 308/532-1874 g.covey@npcschools.org Join our NPCS Family—It's a decision you won't regret! It's the holiday season—Purchase SCRIP. Remember to utilize the Endowment's SCRIP program for your holiday shopping! SCRIP is your one-stop shop for gift cards! SCRIP offers both local and national retailers, with hundreds of options to choose from. PLUS, 2% from all SCRIP purchases is designated for tuition assistance for families at the North Platte Catholic Schools. There are easy ways to purchase SCRIP gift cards: 1) Purchase in-person at the Endowment Office, 601 S. Tabor Ave. between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily. 2) www.raiseright.com to view a listing of all available national retailers. *Place SCRIP orders with the Endowment Office by December 12th for guaranteed arrival before Christmas break. 3) Create an online SCRIP account at: www.shopwithscrip.com using the NPCS enrollment code 41B837676942.

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