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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.*

December 7, 2025: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions		
Sunday 12/7 Monday 12/8	4:00pm 7:00am	Missa Pro Populo (Immaculate Conception) Lauren & Ben Burke
Tuesday 12/9	No Mass	
Wednesday 12/10	5:30pm	Elli Fugate Schmidt
Thursday 12/11	8:00am	Lauren & Ben Burke
Friday 12/12	8:00am	NP Alumni & Book of Memories
Saturday 12/13	5:00pm	+Jerry Pilakowski
Sunday 12/14	10:00 am	Missa Pro Populo

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS December 13 – 14, 2025 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Loren Baxa	John Bode
Acolyte	Derek Miller	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Luke Miller	Johnathan Birulkin
	Nathan Miller	Jacob Birulkin
Music	Volunteer Needed	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

Stewardship: November 30, 2025- Adult- \$1,775, Loose Plate- \$350.25, Holy
Day- \$30, Cloistered Sisters- \$340, Thanksgiving- \$225 Total: \$2,720.25

We sought and received further clarification from the USCCB regarding the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation with respect to Vigil Masses. The guiding principle is that the 2nd Sunday of Advent is a higher ranking feast than the Immaculate Conception (hence the moving the IC in the first place). **At any** Mass on Sunday evening, whether within or outside of the usual schedule, the Mass setting and readings for the Second Sunday of Advent are used. **The obligation** for Sunday is fulfilled by any Mass Saturday evening through Sunday night. **The obligation** for the Holy Day is fulfilled by any Mass Sunday evening through Monday night. **In other words**, an individual could attend Mass Sunday morning and have all the prayers and readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent and fulfill their Sunday obligation; then go to Mass that evening (which would have all the prayers and readings for, again the 2nd Sunday of Advent) and fulfill their obligation for the Immaculate Conception.

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be on Sunday, December 7th at 4:00pm, and Monday, December 8th at 7:00am.

Knights of Columbus will be distributing St. Nicholas bags to children this weekend to celebrate his feast (Dec. 6) and opening our poster contest open to students from Kindergarten to 8th grade.

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.

The Daughters of Charity are collecting small bottles of lotion, soaps and shampoos, non-slip socks and religious Christmas cards to be given to residents at North Platte care facilities in December. If you are able to donate, please drop off items in the narthex.

We will have Christmas choir practice Wednesday, December 10 in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm. All are welcome—please join us!

From Fr. Birkel- A Varied Study: Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall, I will take questions on Scripture or Theology. Instead of presenting a Bible study on a particular path that I might want to talk about, I will make it available for what you want to know.

Advent Healing Mass: All are welcome to receive physical, spiritual, and mental healing. Sunday,

December 14, 2025 St. Patrick Church 409 East F Street, McCook, NE 4:00pm Mass: Celebrant Rev. Christopher Barak of Lincoln, NE. Come early for the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:30pm. Confession available 3:00 – 4:00.

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.

Christmas Cards for Care Facilities in North Platte: The Daughters of Charity have organized the writing of Christmas Cards for the residents of the North Platte Care/Residential facilities after Masses on December 6th and 7th. We will also be assembling gift boxes for the residents at Centennial Park Care Facility.

Christmas Decorating - Please join in the decorating of the church on Sunday, December 14th after Mass.

From Fr. Birkel: I need to have a brief meeting with the parent of anyone who is having a child confirmed. This will be after Mass on Saturday the 6th or Sunday the 7th. **Also**, please come up to the Altar Rail when the 4th bell rings. If there are no servers, & so no bell, come up when I begin to drink from the Chalice.

Men's Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi
December 11–14, 2025 | With Fr. Fergal Ó Dúill, L.C. All men are invited to a powerful weekend of prayer, silence, and encounter with Christ through the classic Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Led by Fr. Fergal Ó Dúill, L.C., and supported by the Legionaries of Christ and Fr. Gary Coulter, this retreat offers meditations on the core truths of the faith, along with Mass, adoration, confession, and spiritual direction. The retreat begins Friday with check-in at 5 p.m. and concludes Sunday at noon. An optional Thursday social and Friday formation day are also available. Attend in person or register for the virtual option. Register at: www.goodcounselretreat.org

Please pray for Sr. Guadalupe of David City, NE. She is a Junior Sister at the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Please pray for Eli Reiter of St. Peter Parish in Bellwood. He is in Pre-Theology 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

Prayers Requests: Jerry & Sharon Beckius, +Barbara Rasmussen, +Deb McCaig +Fr. Henry Baxa