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ST. ELIZABETH

ANN SETON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
 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 8, 2024: 2nd Sunday of Advent

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 12/9 Immaculate Conception (observed)	8:00 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm	Bryson Rieker/ Missa Pro Populo/ Protection of All Human Life
Tuesday 12/10	7:00 am	Elli Fugate-Schmidt
Wednesday 12/11	5:30 pm	Liv/Dec Members of Gregg/Schledewitz families
Thursday 12/12	8:00 am	Increase of vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life and Married States
Friday 12/13	8:00 am	+Julian, Beatrice & Marty Estrada & Sylvia Prather
Saturday 12/14	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 12/15	10:00 am	+Tyler Behm

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS December 14-15, 2024 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Jim Nisley	Michael Krondak
Acolyte	Derek Miller	Spencer Hampton
Server	Nathan Miller	Kolbe Tejral
	Luke Miller	Will Vapenik
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

Stewardship: December 1, 2024: Adult \$6561.00, Thanksgiving
 \$310.00, Maintenance \$25.00, Contemplative Sisters \$180.00

Starting Jan. 8 (Wednesdays), the Emmaus Institute is teaching a five-week course on our Blessed Mother, titled *The Mother of the Word: A Biblical Study of Mary*. Discover how the Old and New Testaments reveal the person and mission of Mary. Register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

Thank you to Ron Tejral and helpers for changing sanctuary lights. Your willingness was greatly appreciated.

Marriage Encounter Weekends: Learn how to love your spouse by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Feb. 14-16, 2025, Lincoln, NE; Aug. 8-10, 2025, Littleton, CO. For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. For more info about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, visit www.wwme.org

The Southwest Nebraska Ultreya Center's Monthly Ultreya will be Sunday, December 18, 2024, St. Patrick's Imperial 1:30 pm CT – 12:30 pm MT. School of Leaders: January 11, 2025, 9am, in-person at St. Mary Parish, Aurora, and via ZOOM (Meeting ID: 731 820 8877, no password required). January Ultreya – Sunday, January 12, 2025, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, North Platte 1:30 pm CT – 12:30 pm MT.

All Parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend our Parish celebration on the feast day of Saturday, January 4. Immediately after the 5 pm 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 pot luck with those attending being asking to bring a side dish or dessert or both. This is a time to deepen our ties as a spiritual family and fellowship. Please mark your calendars to attend.

The Knights of Columbus meeting is Monday, December 9 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

Phil walks into his boss's office one day and says, "Sir, I'll be honest with you. I know the economy isn't great, but I've got three companies after me, and I'd like to ask for a raise, respectfully." After a few minutes of haggling, the boss finally agrees to give him a 5 percent raise, and he happily gets up to

leave. "By the way," the boss asks as Phil leaves his office, "which three companies are after you?" Phil replies, "The electric company, water company, and phone company."

Additional Confession times at SEAS to prepare for Christmas: After Masses on Mon, December 16, Wednesday, December 18, Saturday December 21 and Sunday, December 22, until the last in line is heard for each; also Friday, December 20 from 7 am-7:30 am.

Additional Confession times at St Patrick's in North Platte- Dec 18, 19 and 20 from noon-1 pm and the Penance Service on Sunday, December 22 from 3-4 pm.

Fr. Rand will be gone after Mass Tuesday, Dec 10 until Wednesday afternoon.

Christmas Flowers & 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 for Christmas Flowers along with the name(s) of those you are remembering to be put in the bulletin December 22. Deadline for the Christmas bulletin is Wednesday, December 18 at noon. Suggested donation is \$10 per name or couple.

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage June 9-20, 2025 with Fr Sagar of Holy Spirit Parish. Starting at \$3,599.00. See Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago and Barcelona. For more information, contact Holy Spirit Parish in North Platte.

Announcing a Raffle for two Carnival Cruise Gift Cards (worth \$500.00 each), to be used on any Carnival Cruise to any of their destinations on any of their ships. It can be put toward the cost of the cruise or anything purchased onboard. Each raffle ticket is \$5 and worth the chance to get away or regift to a family member or friend. Drawing will be held December 29, 2024. If you would like to buy a ticket or more. contact Fr. Rand and, even better, if you are willing to take some and sell them, let Fr. Rand know. Proceeds will be put in the Gift Gathering for Pumpkin Festival 2025.

Advent/Christmas Challenge 2024: You are invited to participate in a Parish Advent/Christmas Challenge, which will run from the beginning of Advent on November 30, 2024 to the end of the Christmas season on January 12, 2025. Proceeds from this Challenge will help the less fortunate in our Parish and help defray the ever-climbing costs of expenses, utilities, and heating. The Challenge of generosity is to select any amount of your choosing between \$1.00 and \$200.00 to help blacken a posted generosity chart in the narthex. Each family or individual gives according to what God enables them to do. Each amount will be blackened in (or if someone gave the same amount, divided so that numbers equaling it are blackened). There is no set goal. You can give once if able or more times or not at all. In many ways, it is an avenue to give Jesus and our own Parish family a gift to celebrate his birthday. Use any envelope marked for that purpose and drop in the collection basket, put in the drop box by the office door or send in the mail. Please make sure you put your name on it if you wish credit on your year-end statement (by December 31). Thank you in advance for considering if want to take up the Challenge.

Mother of the Word: A Biblical Study of Mary taught by Joshua Burks will be held in five sessions in person or online Wednesdays Jan. 8- Feb 5, 2025 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Go to www.EMMAUSINSTITUTE.NET for more information.

Formed.org is an online platform featuring Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks, and movies from trusted partners like the Augustine Institute and others. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a subscription to FORMED. Visit www.formed.org to learn about these resources. Search using the Parish's zip code-69101. You will be asked to make a username and password with the Parish's subscription at no cost.

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Upcoming dates and times for your calendars:

December 24: Holy Day of Obligation Vigil, Christmas Eve, Vigil Mass, 5:00pm

December 25: Holy Day of Obligation, Christmas, 10:00am Mass

December 31: Holy Day of Obligation Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, Vigil Mass, 5:00pm

January 1: Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity of Mary, Mass 10:00am

ADVENT CHRISTMAS SECRET ANGELS

Participants are asked to pray for their "angel(s)" and may if they wish express acts of kindness toward them or in their name, send Christmas cards, offer special prayers or tokens of affection via the mail and/or, token gifts left at church for them or via another. It is a creative fun way in our spiritual family to pray and befriend. Parishioners young and old can participate as individuals, couples or as a family. Costs if any are to be the barest minimum. Last year many children and adults delighted in the exchange as they attempted to guess who was praying for them. Simply put your name in as an individual or family and you will receive a name in return. All families or individuals who would like to participate are asked to submit their names to Fr. Rand by email or in an envelope and placed in the top office drop box by Sunday December 8. The collected pool of names will be made available for drawing beginning with the Masses of the Immaculate Conception (Dec 9) or if one will not be present that day and attend Mass elsewhere—let Fr. Rand know who will draw randomly for you. Names drawn are to be kept a secret and revealed on Saturday January 4 at our feast day celebration after Mass or by sending a card revealing yourself timed to arrive close to January 4. Please join the fun, fellowship and prayer time for each other!

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There will be an All Faiths Christmas Choir at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church (305 W 5th St) on Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm. All are invited to attend.

“O Holy Night” 24-Hour Retreat On December 20-21, Fr. Gary Coulter, Retreat House Director, will guide us through the beauty and theology of beloved Advent and Christmas hymns. Discover the rich history behind these songs that prepare our hearts for the holy season. Questions? Call 402-786-2705 or email office@olcretreat.org.

Daughters of St. Paul Discernment 101 Single Catholic women ages 16-33 are invited to join the Daughters of St. Paul for a discernment session via Zoom at 9:30 am on December 21. The morning will consist of talks, prayer, and community to explore God’s will for your life. Register at connect.pauline.org/discernment101.

S.T.A.G.E. to Present “The Custodian of Art” S.T.A.G.E. Student Theatre announces its holiday production, “The Custodian of Art,” to be held at 7:00 pm January 2-4 and at 2:00 pm on January 5 in Lincoln St. Teresa’s Church Kaczmarek Hall. This original musical features student actors ages 8-15. Set in an art gallery full of famous paintings, patrons realize the purpose of art as it comes to life through clever depictions and silly antics. Following the show, guests will enjoy an art exhibit by local artists and S.T.A.G.E. students. Reserved seating can be purchased at www.stage4kids.com/purchase-tickets.

Mark your calendars: Spirit Catholic Radio Three Days of Christmas Music will be heard on Thursday, December 26, Friday, December 27, and Monday, December 30. Listen at 90.1 FM North Platte.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated Dec 12. She is the patroness of the Americas.

Not only does it [the Sacrament of Penance] free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the

same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned." Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

Dynamic Catholic reminds us although Advent is supposed to be a time of deep reflection, joy, and preparation for Christmas, it can also be a time of busyness, stress, and a never ending to-do list. But prayer has a way of helping us see what matters most...and what doesn't matter much at all. Next time you're feeling overwhelmed, take a moment to pray the following prayer: “Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.”—Henri Nouwen

Prayer Requests: Linda Maly (ill) Ermalinda Torres (ill) Diane Zeleny (ill) Sharon Beckius (ill) David Zalewski (ill) +Don Neuman +Kathy McBroom +Raymond Meiergard +Pat Sanley +Ryan Hunter