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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-
 office@seas-np.org.*

February 12, 2023: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 2/13	8:00 am	+Ray Spindler
Tuesday 2/14	8:00 am	+Mary Lou Hallquist
Wednesday 2/15	5:30 pm	+Renate Nordquist
Thursday 2/16	8:00 am	Bode/Ruskamp Families Liv/Dec
Friday 2/17	8:00 am	+Charles & Mary Safford
Saturday 2/18	8:00 am	+Sylvester Ritter
Confirmation	5:00 pm	Missa pro Populo
Sunday 2/19	10:00am	+Rita Jones

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

February 18-19, 2023 (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	John Bode	Volunteer Needed
Acolyte	Conrad Buhrman	Ed Rieker
Server	Krondak	Volunteer Needed
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Music	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	TBD	Volunteers
Ushers	Cindy Swanson Alice Robinson	Volunteers

Stewardship: February 5, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,957,
 Maintenance- \$20, Register- \$210

When considering/requesting another priest to be the main celebrant of any baptism, marriage, funeral, sacrament or devotion in a parish in the diocese of Lincoln, approval must be given prior to the event by the Pastor as well as the said priest (and deacon) must present a letter of good standing if not active in our diocese from his respective bishop to our Bishop/Chancery and the pastor. When possible arrangements should be made far enough in advance to thwart any complications.

During the season of Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, our parish will be collecting non-perishable foods and household needs for the Women's Resource Center. A box will be placed near the statue of St. Therese in our narthex and emptied periodically. Please be as generous as possible. More details in next week's bulletin.

Table of St Gregory: This event will take place on Sunday, March 26 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, to mark its 25th Anniversary. Join seminarians to support them and seminary projects. The evening begins at 4:00pm with Evening Prayers (Bishop Conley presiding), followed by cocktails and an open house. The evening will conclude with a dinner at 5:30pm, served by the seminarians. To reserve your spot (\$75 per ticket or \$800 for a table of 10), go online to: betterunite.com/stgregorythegreatseminary-tableofstgregory2023

Eucharistic Revival Night, led by the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, will be Monday, March 27 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in our parish. There will be Adoration, opportunities for Confessions, Reflections from the Sisters, and Prayer Teams to pray over individuals presenting themselves. This is an opportunity to deepen your love for our Eucharistic Lord with the Marian Sisters. A potluck meal will precede the Revival, beginning at 5:00pm. All attending are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or a dessert.

Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special role "in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God" (*Familiaris*

consortio 25). Fathers are called to exhibit "generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother" (*FC* 25). They are uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, in safeguarding the sanctity of human life. As evidenced in our world today, the role of the father "is of unique and irreplaceable importance" (*FC* 25). Often women choose abortion because they do not have the support of the child's father, or—even worse—the father of the child pressures her to make the decision to abort. At the same time, it is important to acknowledge with compassion that men can also be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy and that society increasingly tells them that they should have no say in their children's lives. In the face of these false messages, we pray that expectant fathers will find courage in the example of Saint Joseph—who embraced the role of father amid difficult circumstances—and offer loving, life-affirming support to the mothers of their children.

One Rose, One Life Campaign: On Feb. 25 and 26, the Knights of Columbus will conduct the annual "One Rose, One Life" Campaign to support pro-life activities in Nebraska.

A neighbor asked his friend why, after weeks of not attending to his wife's honey do list, he was all of a sudden working. "Well, my son asked me, 'How are people born?' So I said, Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on. My son then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now. The child ran back to me and said, You lied to me! I replied, No, your mom was talking about her side of the family. And he shared that with her and she shared with me a look of encouragement that it was in my best interests to attend to her honey do list."

For planning purposes, the Marians Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln will be sending 2 Sisters to conduct a CCD Summer Week in our parish from June 5-9. More details will come as the week gets closer.

The teacher called Little Timmy to her desk. She said: "This essay you've written about your pet dog is exactly the same essay your brother has written." "Of course it is," said Timmy. "It's the same dog."

Knights of Columbus sponsored Raging Cajun Take Out Meal on February 21 (Fat Tuesday) from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Featuring either Etouffee or Gumbo topping with rice, cornbread, and a cookie. \$9.00. Pick yours up while supply lasts. Funds raised support the Knights of Columbus and their activities.

Lenten MOMS Group Starting: Is being a mother what you thought it would be? The exhaustion, monotony, mounting unfinished projects, loss of a sense of self ... Too many moms feel disillusioned and overwhelmed. Momnipotent validates the dignity and importance of motherhood and will help you recognize your uniquely feminine strengths. Come join fellow moms and see how you can use those strengths to find peace, balance, and joy in being the woman God created and called you to be. Inviting all MOMS to join in a Lenten Study Group going through the Momnipotent study. It's an 8-part video series with books and study material. Starting March 1-end of April on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. Feel free to bring the kids. To register, reach out to Natalie Gifford at 307-575-0027 or email natalie.gifford@outlook.com We can't wait to see you there.

Needing to go on a retreat soon? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several retreats to renew you in your relationship with God. Join us on Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday for "Meeting God in the Desert" with Deacon Matthew Hecker, Feb. 24-26 "I+You=We Marriage Workshop" for married couples with Fr. Jarosław "Jay" Szymczak, and March 10-12 "In the Presence of the Lord" with Fr. Loras Grell. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Please keep in mind that on Saturday, February 18, there will be no Confession Time, due to Confirmation. Fr. Rand will

need to be with the Confirmands and the Bishop. Several of the front pews will be reserved for confirmands and their families.

Ash Wednesday Masses on February 22 will be at 7:30am and 5:30pm. Fr. Rand has also consented to provide ashes that day to the hospital staff and workers whose shifts do not allow them any opportunity.

February is Catholic Press Month in our Diocese. Every household in each parish should be receiving the Catholic Register newspaper—the official news vehicle of the diocese. Each parish is assessed per households at a rate of \$15.00 each. Your generosity using the envelope in your mailing or one of your own to help meet this expense.

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast will be Sunday, February 12 from 8:30am-12:30pm. The Daughters of Charity will meet after Mass, as well.

Knights of Columbus meeting is Monday, February 13 at 7:00pm.

SEAS Teaching Rock will be Wednesday, February 15 at 6:15pm. The topic for this session is "Same Sex Attraction" and the Church's position.

North Platte St. Patrick's Catholic Church is having a youth fundraiser called "Break your Fast" on Wednesday, February 22nd at 5:30pm. They will be serving pancakes and eggs. They will also be having a basket themed silent auction. They are raising funds to help youth make it to their summer events!

Please mark your calendars for a special prayer, healing, and time of reflection led by seven Marian Sisters of our diocese in our parish on Monday, March 27, during the evening. More details will be coming forth in future bulletins.

Pope Francis' Intentions for February: For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Ash Wednesday @ Holy Spirit- Knights of Columbus Soup Supper, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)- is a weekend experience for high school Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors and college Freshmen. The weekend is designed to draw young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to encounter his personal love. TEC #120 will be held Saturday morning Feb. 18 to Monday Afternoon, Feb. 20 at St. Patrick Church in McCook, NE. Register online at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/04-ym-tec-119--McCook> Register soon to receive the confirmation letter with additional information about the weekend! For further questions, contact Andy Weber at 316-772-1906 or the Diocese of Lincoln Family Life Office at 402-488-2040.

McCook St. Patrick & St. James Game Feed:

Tables are available for purchase for the Feb. 18th event at the Curtis Community Center. Advanced tables are available for \$300 (50 total tables). The advanced purchase gets you a reserved seating for 8, an appetizer tray for the table, and 8 drink tickets. Call the McCook rectory to reserve your spot.

FATHER/SON PROGRAM "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, March 19th, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center and virtually. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

St. Pat's School News: Our Catholic Schools Week was a glorious celebration of our Faith, Parishes, Community, Families and Students! "Catholic Schools Week is our annual opportunity to draw awareness to the blessings of Catholic education, not only here in North Platte, but certainly to the whole church," Bishop Hanefeldt said. "This is an opportunity to spend some time with the students not only in prayer, but also to visit their classrooms." "Catholic education is an environment in which you not only can learn about

various subjects we all have to learn, but to add faith to that, integrate faith into other subjects," Hanefeldt said.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting means eating one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals allowed. Fasting obliges Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence means eating no meat nor soup nor gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc., automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.

Not too early to consider what to do for Lent to lead to a better YOU physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually. It is more successful and meaningful not to take on too much, but to really choose what can be realistically done, and something that is sincerely a sacrifice or involves authentic effort.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul.
☩Peg (Mo) Morello