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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 choir, miscellaneous)
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 (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-
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February 19, 2023: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 2/20	8:00 am	+Hilda Spindler
Tuesday 2/21	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Wednesday 2/22	7:30 am	+Randy Burbach
(Ash Wednesday)	5:30 pm	+Pam Morello
Thursday 2/23	8:00 am	+Dick Shasteen
Friday 2/24	8:00 am	Names in Book Blessings/Memories
Saturday 2/25	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 2/26	10:00 am	+Louis Coppersmith

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS February 25-26, 2023 (1st Sunday of Lent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
Server	Alex Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	James Krondak	Liam Pieper
Music	Volunteer Needed	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane & Heather Johnsen

Stewardship: February 12, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,808,
 Maintenance- \$85, Register- \$105, Ash Wednesday- \$50

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting 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.

The Declaration of Independence boldly affirms that first among our inalienable rights is the right to life, given to us by the Creator. Yet despite being so solemnly proclaimed, the right to life is today threatened and often denied, particularly at the moments when life is most fragile. Our laws should—first and foremost—protect life. Even with the recent overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, many states still do not recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons and still claim that abortion is a right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right. Laws and policies that legalize or promote an intrinsic evil like abortion violate the virtue of justice. Those who work as public officials and civic leaders have a duty to serve the common good, and therefore have a profound obligation to safeguard this most fundamental right to life. Through our own prayer, witness, and civic participation, we can encourage our leaders to truly answer their call to protect the rights of all people. For "there can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights" ([*Evangelium vitae*](#) 101).

The Daughters of Charity are hosting their annual Family Favorite Recipe & Dessert Auction on Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19 after Mass both days! Each family is asked to bring their favorite dessert and a copy of the recipe to the Parish Hall and it will be auctioned off to the

highest bidder. Your family can delight in your neighbor's fabulous desserts and even have the recipe to make the dessert yourself. Funds received will be used to help defray the expense of the many things the Daughters do and provide for our parish and charity (e.g. Altar Breads and wine, liturgical candles, social activities, etc...) Please join in the fun and fundraising! We are hoping for 100% participation by our parish family.

Thank you to all who were involved in the teaching of the Confirmandi, who provided service or music at the Mass with the Bishop, as well as to the Daughters of Charity for the reception. Please continue to pray for those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you." The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!" Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream parlor. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked his cone and replied: "Because the day I take the dollar the game is over!" *[During Lent there will be an absence of jokes in the bulletin as a parish sacrifice]*

Life is Hard. Help is just a phone call away. Need to talk to someone that you can trust? Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska's Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center, 402-489-1834

Hoxie, KS Retreat: Come hear Immaculee Ilibagiza present on March 25th. This retreat includes Immaculee's witness of the power of prayer, miracles of the Rosary, and inspirational music. No one will leave this retreat the same as when they came. To register call (785)-675-8703 or email tubandchris@ruraltel.net Sessions begin @ 9:00am and finish at 3:30pm

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.

Creighton Model FertilityCare System: Creighton Model is a women's health science that allows users to learn more about their fertility and in conjunction with NaProTECHNOLOGY treat any underlying reproductive conditions. Introductory sessions are available in person or online. Private instruction is encouraged for all interested in learning more. For more information, visit LincolnDiocese.org/NFP/Fertility-Care-Center or call 402-473-0630 or contact Kealey-butler@cdolinc.net

Please save any glass jars (any size) and their lids for a potential parish use down the road. Please place them (washed please) outside the office door where they will be picked up.

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. 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 on 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. Items need are Canned Peaches, Applesauce, Canned mixed fruit, Canned mandarin oranges, Canned Pears, Apple juice, capri sun drinks, Cereals, Oatmeal -- quick cooking, Pop Tarts, Granola bars, Fruit snacks, Pringle Chips, Cheez Its, Goldfish crackers, peanut butter Ritz crackers, Saltine Crackers, Condiments, Mac and Cheese, Cookie mixes, Brownie mixes, Hamburger Helper, Cake mixes, Canned Chicken, Canned tuna, Pasta, Canned Diced tomatoes, Spaghetti sauce, Pizza sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake mix, syrup, Canned soups, flour, sugar, vegetable oil, pizza dough package, toilet paper, paper towel, detergents, soaps

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.

For planning purposes, the Marian 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.

Knights of Columbus sponsored Raging Cajun Take Out Meal on February 21 (Fat Tuesday) from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Featuring either Etouffee or Gumbo topped 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.

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

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.

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.

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!

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.

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> Qu

estions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

St. Pat's School News: Upcoming Events: Feb. 21: Boys Bb Subdistrict, School Board, Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday, SPVA Speech, Feb. 23: Boys Bb Subdistrict, NHS Inductions, Feb. 24: Girls BB Districts, Feb. 25: Speech @ Maxwell, Feb. 26: IRISHFEST

All are invited to the West Nebraska Pro-Life Conference at St. Patrick Catholic Church in North Platte on Saturday, March 04. Bishop James Golka is the keynote speaker. Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Golka, begins at 8:00 am with the program starting at 9:30 am. You can learn more and register at the Diocese of Grand Island's Pro-Life Office website. RSVP date is Feb. 26. Please join us to hear from Bishop Golka and other Pro-Life speakers to listen, to learn, to share, and to pray for a culture of life in our communities.

Looking for a great Fish Fry to head to this Lent? Let Spirit Catholic Radio help you with your search! Check out the Spirit Catholic Radio Fish Fry Finder to find amazing fish fries in your area! Head to spiritcatholicradio.com/fish for more info!

Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the spiritual healing of adult children of divorce or separation, will host a seven-week online support group this Lent. Taking place over seven evenings, from March 2 to April 12, the support group will include presentations and guided small group discussions on topics relevant to adult children of divorce, including setting goals for healing, overcoming shame, dealing with financial anxiety, and more. Cost: \$174 early-bird, \$94 college students/consecrated. (After February 15, \$199 regular, \$119 college students/consecrated.) Scholarships available! More information and registration here: <https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/lentsupportgroup>.

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