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# ST. ELIZABETH

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# CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst  
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 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.\*

## February 2, 2025: The Presentation of The Lord

| <i>Mass Intentions</i> |                    |  |
|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| <b>Monday 2/3</b>      | 8:00 am            | Book of Memories/Blessings                     |
| <b>Tuesday 2/4</b>     | 7:00 am            | Eli Fugate-Smith                               |
| <b>Wednesday 2/5</b>   | 5:30 pm            | Liv/Dec KC members                             |
| <b>Thursday 2/6</b>    | 8:00 am            | Caroline Safford                               |
| <b>Friday 2/7</b>      | 5:30 pm            | Jeanne Stec                                    |
| <b>Saturday 2/8</b>    | 8:00 am<br>5:00 pm | Liv/Dec Members of the DOC<br>Missa Pro Populo |
| <b>Sunday 2/9</b>      | 10:00 am           | +Tyler Behm                                    |

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS February 8-9, 2025 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

|                      | Saturday 5:00pm               | Sunday 10:00am              |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Lector/Reader</b> | Jim Nisley                    | Damon Green                 |
| <b>Acolyte</b>       | Michael Krondak               | Derek Miller                |
| <b>Server</b>        | James Krondak<br>Alex Krondak | Will Vapenik<br>James Green |
| <b>Music</b>         | Volunteer Needed              | Peggy Orr                   |
| <b>Gifts</b>         | Volunteer – Ask Ushers        | Volunteer – Ask Ushers      |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Galen Warburton               | Jeff Orr                    |

**Stewardship January 27, 2025: Adult \$ 2221.00 Maintenance \$ 240.00**

**Each morning Pope John Paul II** celebrated Mass in his private chapel with about twenty guests. When he knelt down to pray after Communion, he would close his eyes and go to a place deep within himself. Once he was there nothing and no one could distract him from communing with God. What does it mean to commune with God? To share your intimate thoughts and feelings. Pope John Paul II would go to that place deep within himself, and from that place he brought forth the fruit of his life: wisdom, compassion, generosity, understanding, patience, courage, insight, forgiveness, humility, inspiration, and a love so apparent you could almost touch it. In those moments after Communion, he allowed nothing to distract him from his prayer. And he lived his life from that place. Find that place within you. Find that place deep, deep within yourself, the place where you can connect with God. Find that place, spend more and more time in that place, and begin to live your life from that deep place. *-excerpts from "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" by Matthew Kelly*

**Ash Wednesday is March 5!** If you have any blessed palms that you don't want to still keep from previous Palm Sundays, there is a tall box in the narthex for you to put them in during February. The box is located by the statue of St Therese!

**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](http://www.wwme.org)

**Renew the Bride, the Church: A Day Retreat for Adults** with Father John Burns and Women Religious of the Diocese. Convinced of the indispensable role of women religious for the whole Body of Christ, Father John Burns founded Friends of the Bridegroom whose mission is to renew the Church through the healing, renewal and expansion of women's religious life in America. Friends of the Bridegroom seeks to establish a strong culture of vocational discernment among young women and within the family. Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Lincoln, NE Parish Mass will be offered at 8:15, followed by a light breakfast. Lunch will be provided Mar 1, 2025 from 9:30 - 2:30  
<https://forms.office.com/r/9tZSQr2PiM>

**North Platte St. Pat's** will be hosting the Women at the Well Lenten Encounter Event. Lenten Encounter Event Sunday, March 2nd 6:30pm-9pm Rachel Buhlman Virtual Guest Speaker.

**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.

**Join us for North Platte** Theology on Tap, held every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm at Ape ship Brewing. Engage with compelling Catholic speakers exploring a variety of fascinating topics, all while enjoying great company and good times. It's the perfect blend of faith, fellowship, and fun! Theology on Tap is for young adults ages 21-45. Apeship Brewing is located in the historic Canteen District. The first drink is free, and complimentary light snacks will be served. Upcoming dates: Feb 16, Mar 16 and Apr 27 (a week later than normal) before a summer break. On Face book at: [facebook.com/people/ Theology-on-Tap-NP/61551091270194/](https://facebook.com/people/Theology-on-Tap-NP/61551091270194/)

**Mark your calendars--**North Platte St Patrick's June 3 - Don't Miss Dr. Ray Guarendi, a renowned psychologist and radio host, in person on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025 at 7:00pm. Dr. Ray is an authority on parenting and behavioral issues as well as a well-known author. He is an advocate of common sense approaches to child rearing and discipline issues. Dr. Ray is heard on Spirit Catholic

**KC breakfast.** Free Will offering. Sunday February 9 from 8:30 am-Noon in the Parish Hall. Please help support our local Knights.

**KC meeting** will be Monday February 10 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

**Register Diocesan** newspaper collection began Feb 1-2. Please be as generous as your means allow. Suggested minimum is \$15 per family. Envelopes are included in your mailed packets.

**Summer Youth opportunities** are just around the corner. Registration opens February 1st—these retreats are popular and fill up within weeks, so register now! For more information, or to register: [gidiocese.org/youth-events](http://gidiocese.org/youth-events) for Current High Schoolers (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors): -Higher Ground (Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford) May 25-30, 2025 or June 1-6, 2025 -Steubenville of the Rockies: (Denver) July 25-27, 2025 For Those Completing 6th-8th Grade: -Higher Ground Xtreme Faith: July 6-10, 2025 (Camp Maranatha, Maxwell) For 1st grade-12th Graders -**Totus Tuus**: a powerful immersion in Catholic culture! (St. Patrick's Parish Hall) -Grade School: July 14-18 (daytime) -Junior High & High School : July 13-17 (evenings) Registration opens late spring.

**Fr. Joseph Steele is leading** a Jubilee Pilgrimage through Canada and Eastern US, September 29 – October 8, 2025. This tour includes Quebec City, Montreal, Albany NY, Stockbridge MA, Niagara Falls, and more. For more information, go to [executivetravel.com](http://executivetravel.com) under the Vacation/Escorted Tours and scroll down to September for the official brochure, itinerary, and costs. Contact Barb Wallingford (402-430-5811) for more information or call Executive Travel (402-435-8888) to sign up. Limited spots are available! It will fill quickly so don't delay!

**EMMAUS INSTITUTE SPRING COURSES:** Registration for Emmaus Institute spring courses is now open, including a free course, Theology of the Body, taught by Dr. John Kincaid. For the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, Chad Steiner is teaching a course titled The Nicene Creed: What Christians Believe and Why It Matters (Tuesdays). Other courses include The New Testament Letters and Revelation (Mondays), Elementary Biblical Greek II (Wednesdays), and Laughing with God: Humor in the Bible (Thursdays). Courses are either six or twelve weeks in length, beginning the week of February 17 and concluding the week of May 13. Learn more and register via the QR code or at [www.EmmausInstitute.net](http://www.EmmausInstitute.net)

**Parish Council Meeting** February 16 at 11 am in the Conference Room.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House** in Waverly, NE, offers a variety of upcoming retreats to renew your spirit and draw closer to Christ. See the schedule below and visit [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) to register: Feb 6-9: Living as an Apostle: Women's Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi and Fr. Jason Brooks, LC, Feb 15-16: "The Joy of Forgiveness" with Sandy Hoenig, March 7 - 9: Flame of Love Retreat with Jill Metz - US National Director, Flame of Love, March 14 - 16: Maturing in Prayer with Fr. Chris Kubat, April 4 - 6: Back to the Garden Women's Retreat with Sarina Stokes and Fr. Cole Kennett. Our retreats are for either men or women and offered both in-person and online. Scholarships are available, contact the office for more info 402-786-2705. Visit: [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) to register for any of our retreats!

**There was an old** man who always rode his bike to his brother's house every weekend. It took him 2 hours and he always made it there by 2PM. One day he tried to make it in 1 hour. Collapsing on a hill from exhaustion, while sitting there, a Corvette pulls up and asks him if he needs a ride. The man looks at his watch and sees he would be late if not, but there is already a passenger, so he asks how? "No problem," says the man in the corvette, "I've got a rope in the back and we'll tie your bike to the back bumper and you can ride." The man says, "Ok!" They take off and the driver yells back, "Just yell beep beep if I'm going too fast." No problem the man thinks. They come to an Intersection and a Ferrari pulls up, the man's eyes widen in fright. Sure enough, the light changes and they're off! Anyway, the guy made it to his brothers on time and the Vette lost. Meanwhile, at the local police dept: "Hey guys the weirdest thing just happened to me. A Ferrari and a Vette just lost me at over 120 mph on Main Street." "What's so weird about that?" asks the other cops. The first cop says, "There was this old guy on a bike behind them screaming beep beep and trying to pass!"

**Hearts Restored is Nebraska's** post-abortion healing ministry program. Confidential Hotline: 402.783.HOPE (4673) • Confidential E-mail [FindPeace@HeartsRestoredNebraska.com](mailto:FindPeace@HeartsRestoredNebraska.com)

**In partnership with** the Nebraska Catholic Conference, you are invited to attend our 6th Annual Pro-Life Coffee on Saturday, February 15, at Riverside Golf Club, 2820 Riverside Drive, in Grand Island. This is a free event and opportunity to meet State Senators, engage with officials fighting for life, and hear from Pro-Life leaders about potential legislation. Doors open at 8:30 AM. Light breakfast will be served. RSVP at <https://gidiocese.org/prolife>, call 308-382-6565.

**Prayer for Consecrated Persons:** God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

**Ways to Cultivate Devotion** to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pope Francis emphasizes that devotion to the Sacred Heart is not merely about venerating an image or reciting prayers—it is about allowing our hearts to be transformed by the love of Jesus. Here are some practical ways to live out this devotion: 1. Daily Prayer and Consecration: One of the simplest and most profound ways to deepen our devotion is by dedicating our day to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through prayer. Pope Francis suggests using traditional prayers, such as the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart, or composing a personal prayer expressing our desire to love and serve as Jesus does. Morning consecration aligns our intentions with the Heart of Jesus, while evening prayer offers an opportunity for reflection and gratitude. 2. First Fridays Devotion: Revitalizing the practice of observing the First Fridays is another way to grow closer to the Sacred Heart. This devotion, based on Jesus' revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, involves receiving Holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays of the month in reparation for sins. Pope Francis calls this practice "a school of love," teaching us to unite our hearts with the heart of Jesus in humility and penance. 3. Eucharistic Adoration: The Sacred Heart is closely tied to the

Eucharist, as it is in the Eucharist that the love of Jesus is most fully revealed. Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration allows us to gaze upon the Heart of Jesus and be filled with his love. Pope Francis encourages all believers to make Adoration a regular part of their spiritual lives, describing it as "a meeting of two hearts—the Heart of Jesus and our own." 4. Living the Beatitudes: Pope Francis writes in *DilexitNos* that the Sacred Heart calls us to "embody the Beatitudes as a way of life." The Beatitudes reflect the values of the heart of Jesus: humility, mercy, purity, and peace. By striving to live according to these principles, we make the love of the Sacred Heart visible in the world. 5. Acts of Charity and Service: The Sacred Heart devotion inspires us to put our faith into action through acts of kindness, generosity, and service. Pope Francis reminds us that "true devotion always leads to mission." He challenges us to reach out to the marginalized, care for the poor, and promote justice and peace as tangible expressions of our love for Jesus. 6. Family and Community Devotions: Pope Francis encourages families and parish communities to gather in prayer and devotion to the Sacred Heart. Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes is a tradition that acknowledges Christ as the center of family life. Group prayer, reflection, and acts of charity within the parish also foster a commitment to living out the love of the Sacred Heart.

**Mark your calendars:** Ash Wed Masses in our parish will be March 5 at 7 am, 9 am and 5:30 pm.

**IN HONOR OF THE HOLY FAMILY** O God, heavenly Father, it was part of Thine eternal decree that Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, should form a holy family with Mary, His blessed mother, and His foster father, Saint Joseph. In Nazareth home life was sanctified, and a perfect example was given to every Christian family. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may fully comprehend and faithfully imitate the virtues of the Holy Family so that we may be united with them one day in their heavenly glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer Requests:** +Fr. Anthony Stamitti +Sonia Orr +Edwin Campbell +Mary Evangeline Pieper +Judy Ulmer