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ST. ELIZABETH

ANN SETON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 Perlinger (Bulletin, website, sign,
 choir, miscellaneous)

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 and or instruction
 before any date is set.

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 11:15am-
 12:30pm.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
 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 25, 2024: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Monday 2/26	8:00am	MaKenna Ketter
Tuesday 2/27	8:00am	Pamela Bellini
Wednesday 2/28	5:30pm Stations 6:00pm Mass	Ed Rieker
Thursday 2/29	8:00am	Fr. Andrzej Wrostek
Friday 3/1	5:30pm	+Herb & Eleanor Steffes
Saturday 3/2	8:00am 5:00pm	+Rhett Morlang Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 3/3	10:00 am	+Maureen McClendon

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

March 2-3, 2024: 3rd Sunday of Lent

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Michael Krondak
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Ron Tejral
Server	Elijah Heimann	Kolbe Tejral
	James Krondak	Will Vapenik
Music	Monica Mordja	Choir
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Galen Warburton	Volunteer Needed

Stewardship: February 18, 2024: Adult Envelopes- \$1,715, Ash Wednesday- \$35, Register- \$15

Join Fr. Coulter for an Easter Monday Pilgrimage to the Gower, MO Benedictines of Mary and incorrupt Sr. Wilhelmina on Monday, April 1st. Begin at St. Michael in Lincoln with 7:00 AM Mass, and stop at Cathedral of St. Joseph, MO. Prayers throughout the day, return by 6:15 PM. \$70, which includes charter bus, snacks and lunch. Make your reservations early at frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402.786.2705.

McCook St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:

Serving from 5-7:30 pm at the KC Hall. They serve beer batter, cajun and baked pollack, coleslaw, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, garlic bread and desserts. Kids menu includes cheese pizza and mac & cheese. Cost is \$15 and \$5 for children under 12.

In ignorance many light vigil candles one per intention, but this is not what the vigil light symbolizes or means. A vigil light represents a person who would otherwise like to be near the Blessed Sacrament to prayer. Since it represents the person, each vigil light carries all the intentions the donor wishes to present through their prayers—all equally heard and answered according to the disposition and belief that accompanies them. Lit vigil lights absent of the prayers of the donor gain little if anything.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19), is one of the Church's most beloved feast days. In many countries, it is Father's Day — and a day off work. Italian Americans celebrate it in a big way — it's their St. Patrick's Day. (Some) see it as relief from Lent since a Solemnity is just like a Sunday. "Relief" is a good word for St. Joseph. The example of Jesus' foster father teaches us that life is hard, but in spite of that we can find relief. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton would agree. He was one of her favorites. After she entered the Church on March 13, 1805 — and less than a week later, celebrated St. Joseph's Day — Elizabeth named the most important things in her life after St. Joseph. The first school she established was St. Joseph Academy and Free School in 1810. The school survives to this day as Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg,

Maryland. Simultaneously, she founded the first congregation of women religious in the United States and called them the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's. Maybe she loved St. Joseph so much because they had so much in common. Like St. Joseph, Mother Seton was a spouse and a worker. St. Joseph's feast day is officially called "Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary." His later feast day, which is not a Solemnity, is "St. Joseph the Worker" on May 1. Joseph is the prototypical spouse and worker, who devoted himself to his family and his profession. Elizabeth did the same. She gained her first experience with teaching and running an institution because she was a faithful spouse. After the death of her father-in-law in 1798, her husband, William, suddenly became responsible for the family trading business — Seton, Maitland and Company — and Elizabeth became responsible for caring for and teaching three children who were the half-siblings of her husband. She was 24 at the time and a good teacher for Charlotte, 12, Henrietta, 11 and Cecilia, 6. She also assisted her husband by acting as nighttime bookkeeper for the firm. Mother Seton sounds like St. Joseph the worker when she says, "The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly to do it because it is his will." She mirrors St. Joseph the spouse when she says, "Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family," and devoted herself to help parents establish order. She knew firsthand that the family was worth great suffering — and that it sometimes demanded it. William's tuberculosis showed up at this time, and his company went bankrupt as his health went from bad to worse. It was time to imitate St. Joseph again. St. Joseph, who took his wife and child into Egypt to protect them, is the patron saint of travelers. St. Elizabeth Ann, who took her husband and daughter to Italy, is the patroness of seafarers. In 1802, not yet 30, Elizabeth traveled with her husband to Italy in hopes that its climate would improve his health. It did not. William passed away in Pisa two days after Christmas in 1803. St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth Ann are models for those who have to travel out of fear — refugees from war or disease. But they are also models for those who travel in order to find safety

in God — pilgrims. St. Joseph's travels fulfilled the prophecy that God would say, "Out of Egypt, I have called my son." Elizabeth's travel called her out of her own exile — and home to the Catholic Church. "I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church," she said, "for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God himself." But Elizabeth soon had reason to embrace Joseph, the Patron of the Church, as the Church she entered was in turmoil. She said, "The Church of God is reduced to such distress and seems as it were abandoned to its enemies." Nonetheless, the Church remained an oasis for Elizabeth. "He permits us to serve him in peace in this happy corner, where he stays with us even under our very roof," she wrote. Pope Leo XIII explained why St. Joseph is Patron of the Universal Church. "As the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ," he said. This is ultimately what St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton teach us. God won't make troubles go away, but he will protect us in the midst of them. Joseph had to be a good spouse and father despite danger, rejection, and difficulties. Elizabeth had to be a good spouse and mother through the suffering and hardship that afflicted her husband and her family. Both show us where to find that strength: by fleeing to God, though it can mean leaving everything behind. And by clinging to his Church, even when that Church seems to be in trouble. "He gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty," wrote Mother Seton. --By Tom Hoopes, author most recently of The Rosary of Saint John Paul II, is writer in residence at Benedictine College in Kansas, where he teaches.

The Dessert and Food Auction is coming up on the weekend of March 16-17. The Auction will be held in the Parish Hall immediately after Masses. Funds received help defray the cost of Altar Bread, Wine, Candles, and the many social events that the Daughters of Charity provide. This fundraising event is more a test of generosity than the purchase

of a baked good or food item. Items are put up for bids hoping to far exceed their worldly value to attain a much higher standard of almsgiving. It would be appreciated if each household brings their favorite food or other item. Men, women, and teen chefs are invited to be part of the success! The Daughters appreciate that some desserts might need to be refrigerated. Please place these desserts into the refrigerators when you bring them and let someone know that they need brought out just prior to the auction. Desserts do need to be brought in the container you wish to sell. Other past non-dessert items have included steaks, Mexican Food, candies and ethnic goodies. Participants are invited to come and join the fun of bidding wars to make anyone donating items pleased they did.

It's your turn to answer the call and be a vital part of building the kingdom of love, justice, and peace at the 10th Annual Catholics at the Capitol. On Wednesday, March 6th from 8:00am-2:00pm, help us fight for faith, family, and life in law at St. Mary's and the State Capitol in downtown Lincoln. This is a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, hear from Nebraska officials, and engage with your State Senator on the issues that matter most to you. Tickets \$15 each, including breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. We encourage you to act fast, as tickets are limited to 250 participants. Learn more and sign up today at NECatholic.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: "God has forgiven you but you cannot forgive yourself?" Attend a confidential Rachel's Vineyard post abortion healing retreat April 19-21 near Omaha/Lincoln. \$275 with partial scholarships available. Email: helpingrachel@yahoo.com or text/call 402-671-3749. More information can be found at: <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

North Platte St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus are having their annual Fish Fries on Fridays during Lent from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Menu: Fish, salmon patties, coleslaw, rolls, mac and cheese, scalloped potatoes, green beans, baked potatoes, and water. Cost: \$12 for adults. \$8 for 8-12 year olds. FREE for 7 and under. Desserts are \$2 apiece. All are welcome!

Sidewalk Advocates for Life training is planned for Saturday, March 16th from 10:30am to 4:30pm. The training teaches us how women have fallen into thinking they are in a difficult situation (crisis mode), so their brains are not considering all other help available. We learn to approach them with kindness instead of condemnation, also letting them know that the mercy of God is greater than any of our sins. See sidewalkadvocates.org.

The Marian Sisters invite single women (19-32 years of age) to enter more deeply into the Passion and Death of Our Lord. The silent retreat will be held at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly on March 28-March 30. Cost is \$30 for students and \$40 for non-students. For more information or to register, please visit at mariansisters.org or contact Sr. Amy Marie at marian-vocations@cdolinc.net or by phone 402-786-2750.

Daughters of Charity meeting will be held Sunday March 10 in the Conference Room immediately after Mass.

Knights of Columbus meeting will be held Monday March 11 at 7 pm.

Knights breakfast will be held Sunday March 10 from 8:30 am-Noon in the parish hall.

Pride seeks recognition; humility seeks to serve.

The Diocese of Lincoln for many years had a local chapter of Courage, a national Catholic support group for those specifically with same-sex desires and their families. The group was led by Father Christopher Kubat, who is now the pastor of St. Andrew Church in Tecumseh. That group is no longer active. Eden Invitation is a similar group, but focuses mostly on young adults with same-sex desires and gender discordance, and the group does not offer a specific program for their family members. For more information on Eden Invitation, contact the group's website, edeninvitation.com. Diocesan contact is Father Nathan Hall at North American Martyrs Church in Lincoln.

Mark your calendars for Totus Tuus this summer from July 14-19, with St Patrick's hosting all three Parishes. Pre-registration will be necessary through

the Grand Island diocese portal. More information coming!!!

Scammers hit again and called a couple of our parishioners claiming to be Fr Rand and asking for money, gift cards, etc... This is a scam! Please do not open it on text or email or answer a voicemail or phone call if you receive such a thing--delete immediate or report to the police. Fr. Rand would never ask in such a manner for gift cards or money. They have gotten emails and phone numbers and link them to their pastors for such schemes. If you ever have a question you can ask Fr. Rand directly. Sadly, if you have ever received such an appeal, it means that scammers have located your phone number or email address from some source. Many times such dishonest people cut and paste pastors, business, community, or school leaders and with a little detective work match them to people whom they serve and the process of a scam is born.

Catholic Daughters of America helps women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality. The Catholic Daughters gives members a unique opportunity to share their faith with other Catholic women. "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." –St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Daughters will be meeting Monday, March 4 at 6 PM in the St. Patrick's Spiritual Life Center. All women are welcome to join the fun and fellowship.

Please join us for the Rosary after each weekday morning Mass or before weekend Masses. All are welcome to also join us for extended prayers and devotions on Monday mornings after Mass.

Thank you from Fr. Rand for all the well wishes and gifts on his birthday last week. Appreciated!

The national office for the Eucharistic Revival just published the details regarding the various routes the Eucharistic Procession will be taking across the Country, leading up to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July. All of those details and the various stops may be found at this website: <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>.

For Your Prayers + +Sylvia Prather ill-Gene Johnston