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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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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.

Mass Intentions

Monday 2/27	8:00 am	Jennifer & Todd Schmid
Tuesday 2/28	8:00 am	+Jim & Barb Waldschmidt
Wednesday 3/1	6:00 pm	Poor Souls
Thursday 3/2	8:00 am	Mary Divis
Friday 3/3	5:30 pm	+Leona Janda
Saturday 3/4	8:00am	Jennifer & Todd Schmid
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 3/5	10:00am	Bode/Ruskamp Families Liv/Dec

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Michael Krondak
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Ron Tejral
Server	Nicholas Krondak	Andrew Tejral
	Elijah Heimann	Kieran Tejral
Music	Volunteer Needed	Choir
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Galen Warburton	Volunteer Needed

Stewardship: February 19, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,076.50,
 Register- \$15

Stations of the Cross will be most Wednesdays of Lent at 5:30pm, followed by Mass at 6:00pm and Adoration until 9:00pm.

SEAS Teaching Rock has been rescheduled from February and will be Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30pm. The topic for this session is “Same Sex Attraction” and the Church’s position.

Easter is a moveable feast, as opposed to a fixed date each year. Easter being celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon of spring (March 21 or later) dates back to the Council of Nicaea 325. Lent lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, excluding Sundays. Sundays are an important part of Lent, but we do not include them in the “40 days” because on every Sunday we remember and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in the Mass. Technically, the Church does not obligate us to fast on Sundays. However, the Sundays during Lent are still part of the Lenten season. Choosing to continue your Lenten sacrifice on Sunday is a personal choice. Palm Sunday is the last Sunday during Lent. It signifies Jesus’ triumphant return to Jerusalem after spending 40 days and nights in the desert. We celebrate his return and our desire to follow him. Lent ends with the start of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. We then enter the period known as the Holy Triduum- Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil Saturday, whose services are tied together in one continuous celebration.

Offer it up! The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives us the framework within which to understand the theological foundation of the practice of “offering it up.” The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the “one mediator between God and men” [1 Timothy 2:5]. But because in his incarnate divine person, he has in some way united himself to every man, “the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery” is offered to all men (618). That framework, in other words, is the mystery of *redemptive suffering*. Christ makes us — members of his Mystical Body — participants in that redemptive self-offering of Christ our head. St. Paul left the Church a vivid and poignant understanding of just what that means when he insisted: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking

in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church” (Colossians 1:24). St. John Paul II summed up the relationship between Christ’s redemptive sacrifice and our mysterious participation in it with these words: “In bringing about the Redemption through suffering, Christ has also raised human suffering to the level of the Redemption. Thus each man, in his suffering, can also become a sharer in the redemptive suffering of Christ” (*Salvifici Doloris*, 19). In most of her apparitions, particularly at Fatima, Our Lady also has repeatedly reminded us of this mysterious participation in redemptive suffering. The three visionaries of Fatima received her message as a call, in part, to live the rest of their lives finding frequent opportunities to offer acts of reparation for sinners. The Church has long recognized that some of the baptized are invited mysteriously to a veritable vocation of redemptive suffering in a very high degree. We often refer to these privileged individuals as “victim souls.” They have even at times been blessed with mystical phenomena such as the stigmata (the wounds of Christ) or living for years solely on the Eucharist. Saints such as Padre Pio and St. Faustina Kowalska come to mind. Normally, however, our Lord seems to delight in our generous “offering up” of the lesser daily trials he permits in our lives. The Daily Offering prayer captures what should be ideally our habitual attitude of offering the “prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.” To live with that attitude is something beautiful in God’s eyes. A readiness to offer up sacrifices is the best antidote to a mentality of complaining, irritability, negativity, and cynicism. In fact, it is possible over time with God’s grace to embrace — even with joy — the unpleasant surprises, setbacks, apparent failures, frustrations, and hurts that come our way precisely because we experience how profoundly God can work in and through them for our good and the good of the Church. By offering these things up, uniting them to the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus, we trust that God the Father mysteriously brings about some good somewhere in the Mystical Body as a fruit of our generous offering. Yet we benefit as well, as he simultaneously turns our sufferings, big or small, into opportunities for personal growth and holiness. — *Fr. Thomas Berg*

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL—Saturday, March 11, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, with guest speaker Marian Sister Gabriel Perry. Growing up in Las Vegas, Sister did not believe in God or practice any faith but had a wonderful childhood. Things would soon change when she moved to Lincoln for college at UNL. Come hear this powerful testimony from being Agnostic, called by Christ to join His Church, and then to be His Bride as a Marian Sister. Come Glorify the Lord with us! Register by mailing your \$30 check payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students \$15) Deadline is March 3. For more information text or call Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396.

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 Daughter 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.

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

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, 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, and soaps.

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.

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 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.

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

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.

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>

Thank you to KC members Jim Griffen, Tim Griffen, Don Kuchta and Fr. Rand for their help with the Ragin Cajun Fat Tuesday Takeout. Your efforts were appreciated and the food was great!!

LENTEN RESOLVES:

PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING