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# ST. ELIZABETH

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# 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 4, 2024: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 2/5</i>	8:00 am	Names Book of Memories & Blessings
<i>Tuesday 2/6</i>	8:00 am	Marty Safford
<i>Wednesday 2/7</i>	5:30 pm	Jeanne Stec
<i>Thursday 2/8</i>	8:00 am	+Relatives of J. & M.
<i>Friday 2/9</i>	8:00 am	Sanctification of Bishops & Priests
<i>Saturday 2/10</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 2/11</i>	10:00 am	Elli Fugate-Schmidt

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

#### February 10-11, 2024 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Forrest Kain
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Conrad Buhman
Server	Nicholas Krondak	Eidren Hampton
	James Krondak	James Green
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

**Stewardship: January 28, 2024:** Adult Envelopes- \$2,176, Maintenance- \$20,  
 Retired Priests- \$225

**An MIT linguistics** professor was lecturing his class the other day. "In English," he said, "A double negative forms a positive. However, in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative remains a negative. But there isn't a single language, not one, in which a double positive can express a negative." A voice from the back of the room said, "Yeah, right."

**Our picture directory** has been delayed because the proofs sent for review were unacceptable (pictures left out, wrong information, and general errors). We have expressed our dissatisfaction and it will require patience. Hopefully it will be forthcoming.

**Those who attend Mass daily** or come into the church to pray during the day or late evening, have noticed the lighting is not what it should be. We have been evaluating this and Parish Council and the Finance Council's awareness determined that the entire church lighting needs professional inspection, followed by bids on what is determined to be the issues and needs. In your personal experience with electricians, you are invited to submit names to Fr. Rand to be included when bids are sought. This will be a longer project, but warrants attention immediately.

**Free Emmaus Institute Spring Class:** To celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival, the Emmaus Institute is offering free registration (a \$100 value) for a 5-week course on the Eucharist taught by Chad Steiner on Wednesday evenings, starting Feb. 21. Register online at [www.EmmausInstitute.net](http://www.EmmausInstitute.net).

**BREAKING NEWS:** A pro-abortion ballot initiative that will endanger the lives of babies and moms is underway, and we're ready to fight for human dignity. Pro-abortion groups will soon begin circulating petitions and gathering signatures to inject a right to abortion up to birth in the Nebraska Constitution. This ballot initiative threatens to completely de-regulate abortion in Nebraska, making it easier and cheaper for the abortion industry to exploit our vulnerable neighbors in difficult circumstances. The Pro-Life Movement in Nebraska is ready to defeat these efforts and save lives. When you see petitioners, politely take up

their time to keep others from engaging and signing and decline to sign. We need you to get involved in the effort. Join our network at [NECatholic.org/TakeAction](http://NECatholic.org/TakeAction) to learn about volunteer opportunities.

### **The Knights of Columbus Raging Cajun**

**Takeout** will be Tuesday, February 6 from 5:00pm-6:30pm. It will feature either Shrimp Etouffee or Gumbo (No seafood), rice, and cornbread. This will be on a first come, first served basis. It will be served to-go in takeout containers. \$10.00 each. Proceed will support the works of our Fr. McGivney Knights of Columbus Council.

**Inside your packet of envelopes** is one for the Southern Nebraska Register. The suggested donation is \$15, but your generosity exceeding that amount would be appreciated. The Register is the official Diocesan communication to our Catholic faithful.

**World Marriage Day** is celebrated this year on Sunday, February 11.

**Please join your fellow parishioners** in supporting our Knights of Columbus Breakfast on Sunday, February 11 from 8:30am-12:00pm.

**The Daughters of Charity** meet on Sunday, February 11 after Mass.

**The Knights of Columbus** meeting will be held on Monday, February 12 at 7:00pm.

**Irish Fest will be** Sunday February 25 at St Patrick School gym. This fun-filled family event runs from noon-3 pm and features a homemade meal, silent auction, raffle, mini-carnival games, prizes and bake sale. Proceeds help the Endowment meet an annual goal for funding operating expenses for the catholic high school, elementary school and Little Leprechaun. Please come and join us.

**On Ash Wednesday,** fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat is binding upon all from age 14 onwards Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.

**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 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).

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**—mark your calendars for two events that will be held at SEAS. Friday, June 14 a Holy Hour of Adoration will begin at 6:30pm and Saturday, June 15 a Mass will be held at 8:00am. Both are in conjunction with Holy Spirit’s and St. Patrick’s Parishes of North Platte. In addition, there will be a Mass held at McDaid Elementary School on June 16 at 11:00am and a Eucharistic Procession the same day, following the Mass at McDaid Elementary School.

**Anointing of the Sick** will be given immediately after the morning Mass on Tuesday, February 6. Any Catholic who is able to receive communion and is suffering from a life-threatening illness or disease, will have an upcoming surgery, or is over the age of 65, is welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you have any questions about whether you can or should receive the sacrament, speak to Fr. Rand.

**For those wishing to incorporate a weekly Mass,** Stations of the Cross, or Adoration into their Lenten plans, the tentative schedule for Wednesdays of Lent (February 21-all of March) will be Stations at 5:30pm, Mass at 6:00pm, followed by Adoration until 9:00pm. In addition, one could use these means also to gain a plenary indulgence by adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration for at least a half-hour, praying with the Parish the Stations of the Cross, or reading sacred scripture with devotion for at least a half-hour. However, we must remember there are some stipulations provided which must be met in order for the indulgences to be plenary. If all the conditions are not met, we receive partial indulgences, but not plenary indulgences. Conditions to be met: 1.) Sacramentally confess your sins in Confession within 20 days before or after the indulgent act. (one sacramental Confession is sufficient for several indulgences) 2.) Be in a state of grace (which you receive from Confession) and have a complete detachment from sin. This does not mean that you are to be sinless, but you are to have a detachment from sin. 3.) Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. You can do this by simply reciting the Our Father and one Hail Mary for the intentions of the Holy Father. 4.) Reception of Holy Communion (must receive Holy Communion for each plenary indulgence sought) It is permissible that Holy Communion may be received several days before or after obtaining the indulgence, but it is preferable it is received the same day of the indulgent act. 5.) One must have a general intention of gaining an indulgence beforehand.

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest-** Sunday afternoon, February 4 at St. Patrick’s High School gymnasium. Doors will be open at noon for practice and the competition will be at 1:00pm. Boys and girls between ages 9-14 may participate.

**Hearts Restored:** Healing After Abortion  
Hearts Restored is Nebraska’s post-abortion healing ministry program open to any individual seeking healing, wholeness, and peace after the impact of abortion. Check out their website.  
<https://heartsrestorednebraska.org/>

**Attend a weekend retreat** with the Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies from February 23-25 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: Topic: "Praying with Scripture." Have you heard of Lectio Divina or Ignatian Prayer with Scripture, but never knew quite what it was or how to do it? Have you desired to open God's Word to hear His voice but don't know how to do it, or what His voice sounds like? The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is offering a weekend retreat for men and women on "Praying with Scripture" that is just for you. Vern Steiner, Chad Steiner and Josh Burks will each offer talks developing how the Sacred Scriptures are not a dead word but apply to the reality of our lives today. For further information or to register please contact [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**Lenten Growth:** Letting the Holy Spirit speak to our hearts and minds during this **Lenten liturgical season is not only a preparation for the celebration of Easter and its season, but can sift out and give clarity to our relationship with Christ and our walk with Him. Keeping a journal of our thoughts can often reveal the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and give direction and guidance that we seek. Our days can be filled with distractions, routines, difficulties, and confusion. If you would like to join this personal engagement via a communal setting, then perhaps this Lenten series is for you. Each week you will be given journal prompts to write a response in your journal. You can answer as many as you wish but should give sufficient time for reflection on your responses. Each week, we will gather, and if not too personal, share what The Spirit moved us to respond. Listening to another's encounters is also a means for the Spirit**

**to help us on our journey. New journal prompts will be given weekly. Rereading after Easter what has been written may provide valuable insights into oneself and areas of growth and can help us grow in our relationship with God. We will meet on Tuesday mornings over a cup of coffee from 9am-10am on February 20, 27 and March 5, 12, 19, and 26 in the Parish Hall. Bring your own journal or notebook. Please let Fr. Rand know if you want to participate in order to receive the first meeting's questions in advance.**

**Wild Game Feed 2024** hosted by Curtis and missions and McCook Parishes will be Saturday, February 10 at the Curtis Memorial Community Center. Doors open at 5:00pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Tables for 8 are \$300, to be purchased by Jan 26, and individual tickets at the door \$25 each for 12 & up. Prize winning games, Silent and Live Auction, Wild Animal Races. Call Doris Burke at 308-367-6433 or Fr. Kimminau at 402-480-4137 to reserve a table. This is an opportunity to support many of the Parishes of our Deanery.

**The 2024 LDCCW Winter Symposium** will be February 16 & 17, 2024: Friday, February 16 will include the Full Board Meeting which is for all Deanery Presidents. Saturday, February 17 will include inspirational talks throughout the day. Go to <https://goodcounselretreat.org/product/winter-symposium-women-2024/> to register. In addition, the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their 64th Biennial Convention on April 26 & 27 at the St John XXII Center in Lincoln. PCCW Presidents and Deanery Presidents are to attend at their vote is essential in this meeting

**For Your Prayers** +Carol Lechner +Teresa Baginski, +Dennis Fiala ill-Sylvia Prather, ill-Gene Johnston, ill- Dave Pinkerton, ill-Diane Zeleny