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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 rectoryoffice@seas-np.org.

March 10, 2024: 4th Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions		
Monday 3/11	8:00am	+Rick Hallquist
Tuesday 3/12	8:00am	+Sylvia Prather
Wednesday 3/13	5:30pm Stations 6:00pm Mass	Liv/Dec Knights of Columbus
Thursday 3/14	8:00am	+Wayne Baker
Friday 3/15	8:00am	+Al Robinson
Saturday 3/16	5:00pm	Missa pro Populo
Sunday 3/17	10:00 am	+Rick Hallquist

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS March 16-17, 2024: 5th Sunday of Lent

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Duane Johnsen
Server	James Krondak	Weston Hammond
	Nicholas Krondak	James Green
Music	Monica Mordja	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Alice Robinson	Dave Beran

Stewardship: March 3, 2024: Adult Envelopes- \$3,630, Easter Flowers- \$10, Ash Wednesday- \$55, Register- \$65

The Marian Sisters have consented to come during the week of May 19-24 to teach a week of CCD. This was only week available on their calendar and ours. There will be more in the coming weeks on how to register. Numbers will be limited according to the Marian Sisters criteria, and our own parishioners will be served before considering any others.

"Greetings and Blessings, I am excited to share with you the news of a partnership the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln is entering into with The National Catholic Bioethics Center. It could benefit you by giving you access to Catholic resources and experts when you are faced with health care decisions involving issues such as end-of-life care, abortion, contraception, euthanasia and many others. The National Catholic Bioethics Center is a longtime leader when it comes to bioethics in the health care field. Over these past 10 years in my role as the National Episcopal Advisor to the Catholic Medical Association, the NCBC has been an invaluable resource to me and to Catholic physicians across the country. Now you have access to their resources, including three end-of-life guides that are available now on the diocesan website. You can also find additional resources and information on that website. This partnership with the NCBC also provides a free professional consultation service, available 24 hours a day and seven days a week, to our Parishioners. It allows you to consult one-on-one with experts when you are faced with challenging health care decisions. This service is not just a hotline; it can be a lifeline for you and your loved ones in difficult times. I urge you to learn more about the services offered by the National Catholic Bioethics Center now, so you can utilize them in your time of need. Please follow the link below to read my recent Southern Nebraska Register column with many more details on this partnership. There is also a link to take you to many of the resources available on our diocesan website. Some of the medical decisions we face are extremely difficult. You do not have to face them alone. We are here to walk with you. This new partnership, along with spiritual guidance from your Parish priest and the prayers of all the faithful in our diocese, are just a few of the ways we strive to do

that. May God bless you and watch over you! *Yours in Christ*, Bishop James D. Conley" Southern Nebraska Register

Column: https://www.lincolndiocese.org/op-ed/bishop-s-column/17542-making-sense-of-bioethics-a-new-partnership NCBC Resources on Diocesan

Website: https://www.lincolndiocese.org/bioethics

Sky camps for your children and youth: Dates, information, and registrations are located at www.campkateri.org. Look now if interested—they fill up fast. Some camps are seeking volunteers.

Have you been journeying into the desert this Lent and are needing a refreshment? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly invites you to come with us on retreat. See our upcoming retreats: a 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat on March 10-14, 13-17, or 10-17 with Fr. Coulter, Fr. Barak, Matt Simmons or Sarina Stokes, "Walking with Mary to the Foot of the Cross" Retreat with Fr. Waskowiak on March 15-17, 4-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter on March 25-28 and "Holy Week Retreat for Young Women" with the Marian Sisters on March 28-30. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org,

at <u>www.goodcounseiretreat.org</u>, email office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Next to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph stands as a model of complete trust in God's Providence. Developing this spirit of unconditional trust is an essential part of the spiritual life, particularly in Lent. After all, Lent is a season in which we are called to acknowledge honestly our brokenness and sinfulness, and yet trust in God's abundant mercy: His ability to "make all things new." Trust precludes despair. When life's circumstances might understandably create the opportunity to doubt, we cannot afford to disbelieve in God's goodness. Faith, first and foremost, means trusting that God is Who He says He is, and that leads to believing in His providential care for us. This awareness comes, in part, from examining our past and recognizing the times in which the Lord has been so faithful to us. --- Bishop Paul Loverde

For those who have been reading Fr. Calloway's book Consecration to St. Joseph, or have a devotion to him, after either of the two Masses being offered on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19, there will be the opportunity to make a Consecration to St Joseph. After our Blessed Mother, no other saint rises to match St. Joseph, whose devotion to Jesus will embrace us in his paternal love.

<u>Thank you to</u> those dedicated volunteers who weekly clean the church, bathrooms and Parish Hall. Your sacrifice of time and the savings it creates for our Parish is appreciated. God will never be outdone in generosity. May He bless all who give back to Him.

<u>Lighting problems in church and sanctuary</u>: As many, have noticed there have been various problems with our lighting. The problems are being addressed but will take time to resolve. Thank you for your patience.

Christ Jesus, who gave yourself for the good of all, we come before you as brothers and sisters but we are divided and at times, even hostile--tearing one another down. We approach the altar unworthily and ask for your forgiveness. Move us, instead, towards Encounter listening dialogue reconciliation, and a commitment to build your kingdom for the good of all. Heal us, restore us, unite your divided family, Lord. Through the power of the Eucharist, overcome our divisions. Give us sincere hearts that make us open, not closed, and willing to encounter, ready to listen. In your broken body, given for all, may we find unity and peace in you. Amen. -Inspired by the reflections of Pope Benedict XVI in Sacramentum Caritatis

<u>Please use the envelope</u> in your packet, or one of your own marked with your name and envelope number, to donate for Easter Flowers. For those wishing, please include names of those living or deceased you wish for printing in the Easter bulletin. The deadline for these is March 20.

Extra Confession times to prepare for a Holy Easter will be Saturday, March 23 at 6:00pm until the last in line heard; Sunday, March 24 at 11:15am until the last in line heard; Tuesday, March 26 from 7:00am-7:30am; Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30pm

until the last in line heard, and Friday, March 29 from 11:00am- 11:30am (Last opportunity). There will be no confession times before the Saturday Easter Vigil or Sunday Easter Mass.

Holy Week: The Chrism Mass in Lincoln at the Cathedral will be on Monday, March 25 at 5:00pm. On Wednesday, March 27 (Spy Wednesday), there will be no Adoration. There will be confessions after the 6:00pm Mass. Holy Thursday Mass will be at 6:00pm, followed by Adoration until 10:00pm. On Good Friday, there will be Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm, and the Service at 6:00pm. The Easter Vigil will be Saturday, March 30 at 8:00pm. Easter Sunday Mass will be Sunday, March 31 at 10:00am.

The Diocesan Niobrara Canoe Trips down the Niobrara River began in 1995 under the direction of Fr. Ronald Homes. The canoe trips are open to high school youth (sophomores, juniors, seniors) and college students. Adults are also invited along as sponsors/drivers. Locations for carpooling from different areas of the diocese will be provided closer to departure. THERE IS NO BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THIS EVENT. Parents will need to provide transportation to the campsite or join a carpool. Fr. Homes continues to direct the Canoe Trips with the assistance of the Youth Ministry Office. Nearly 200 participants from all over the Diocese take part in one of two different canoe trips. This three-day outdoor adventure includes daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. A Campfire, skits and rosary fill the evening hours. Student Cost: \$110 Chaperone/driver cost: \$60 Register Coming Soon: Canoe Trip #1 - July 7-9, 2024; Canoe Trip #2 - July 9-11, 20 information is found at www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/lincoln-canoe-trips

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.

Leadership Camp (July 7-13) is a Catholic boys' summer camp for Altar Servers entering 6th grade through 9th grade in the fall. The camp is 7 days, 6 nights, held at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha at McCool Junction, Nebraska. The camp is full of fun, personal growth, and spiritual development. We take our role very seriously in the process of the formation of young Catholic lives through wholesome recreation in a religious atmosphere. Campers will experience incredible daily encounters with Christ through the Sacraments. Days and nights are filled with exhilarating activities, inspiring worship, challenging and engaging talks, interactive sports, and life-changing prayer experiences. We assist boys to become selfdisciplined and confident young men. Through this formation we hope to imprint within their soul a true zeal to know Christ and to embrace His plan for their lives. Our goal is to give them the confidence and strength they need to continue their faith journey and to help them foster healthy vocations. The daily Mass has remained the centerpiece of the camp since Leadership Camp's conception. For more info or to register, or for volunteer forms contact: http://www.CatholicLeadershipCamp.com

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.

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!

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/.

North Platte Theology on Tap is on March 17th at 6:00pm. The speaker will be Fr. Sean Kilcawley. It is for adults ages 21-40.

Come to St. Robert Bellarmine in Omaha on April 26 and 27, 2024 to hear friends from EWTN and Catholic Answers speak on THE EUCHARIST: The Source and Summit of our Faith. This 2-day symposium will feature: Fr. Wade Menezes, Tim Staples, Coleen Kelly Mast, Joe Heschmeyer, and Stacy Trasancos. Jack Williams, General Manager of EWTN Radio, will serve as our emcee as we explore the Eucharist. A bookstore will be open before, during, and after the symposium with a Saturday box lunch available for pre-purchase. The symposium will be held from 7 - 9:30 pm Friday, April 26, and 9 am - 4:30 pm Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$25 each. For more info and to purchase tickets, go to spiritcatholicradio.com/April

<u>Knights of Columbus</u> meeting will be Monday March 11 at 7 pm.

<u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u> April 7 is First Communion in our Parish. Please pray for Ronan Birkulin, Anna Krondak, Zelie Tejral and Jeffrey Peiffer as they prepare.

<u>For Your Prayers</u> + Helen Hedges_+ Margaret Sughroue ill-Margaret Scheideler ill-Patsy Sabatka