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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 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.*

March 17, 2024: 5th Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Monday 3/18	8:00am	+Sylvia Prather
Tuesday 3/19	8:00am 5:30pm	Mitch & Diane Gregg & Family Poor Souls
Wednesday 3/20	5:30pm Stations 6:00pm Mass	Reparation of Sin
Thursday 3/21	8:00am	+Sylvia Prather
Friday 3/22	8:00am	Niesen Family
Saturday 3/23	5:00pm	Missa pro Populo
Sunday 3/24	10:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Ortega/Estrada Families

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

March 23-24, 2024: Palm Sunday

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	John Bode/Jim Nisley	Justin Pieper/Forrest Kain
Acolyte	Ron Tejral	Spencer Hampton
Server	Kolbe Tejral	Will Vapenik
	Alex Krondak	Xavier Pieper
Music	Volunteer Needed	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane/Heather Johnsen

Stewardship: March 3, 2024: Adult Envelopes- \$1,807, Easter Flowers- \$240,
 Maintenance- \$500, Register- \$35, Combined Collection- \$536

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/>

One Rose One Life sponsored by the Knights raised \$500 this year for the benefit of the mentally impaired.

An Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and under will be held on Easter Sunday after Mass. Please go to the parish hall, where instructions will be given. The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

When we consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph, we are making a formal act of entrustment and placing our spiritual well-being and growth in the hands of our spiritual father. This act of intentional entrustment reflects a desire and willingness to resemble and acquire his virtues. Two opportunities for those wishing to make this consecration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament will be this Tuesday March 19 the Solemnity of St. Joseph immediately after either the 8 am or 5:30 pm Mass. It will consist of saying the short Litany of St. Joseph followed by the prayer of consecration.

On Tuesday of Holy Week March 26 immediately after the 8 AM Mass there will be an opportunity for those disposed and able to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Any Catholic in a state of grace and either whose health warrants a danger of death or those in advanced senior years may receive this sacrament.

The church now enters a period of calling us to intense focus on Holy Week and the Passion, hence statues and images have been covered in purple both a recognition of mourning and befitting royalty.

Friday, April 26 · 9:30am - 1:30pm CDT--In Person and Zoom Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC) 2021 Transformation Drive Lincoln, NE 68508 Are you passionate about combating sex trafficking? Join us on Friday, April 26th to deepen

your knowledge and response capabilities by learning the scope of the issue, identification strategies and survivor-centered care. In-person registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Online registration is \$10. www.eventbrite.com/e/united-we-stand-human-trafficking-conference-registration

Make plans for Divine Mercy Sunday and join our parish family for time spent with Jesus in Adoration between 2-3:30 pm. The Divine Mercy will be sung at 3 pm and opportunity for confessions between 2 and 3 pm.

Have we become modern day Pharisees by focusing on externals to the exclusion of loving our neighbor. It is a temptation many have fallen into and in turn foster division and disunity. It sets up our interpretations, opinions or preferences as the "right way" to show love, honor and respect. Those who become obstinate and self-righteous place themselves and others in jeopardy of separation from their neighbor and God—a good reading of church history testifies to that.

Please note that the parish hall will be open for prayer only Holy Thursday-Holy Saturday while the Eucharistic is present.

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 (or at completion of a baptism following Mass) 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.

Holy Week Plenary Indulgences: Holy Thursday.

"A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who piously recite the verses of the *Tantum ergo* after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday during the solemn reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday brings two opportunities.

"A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who

1. Devoutly assist at the adoration of the Cross in the solemn liturgical action of Good Friday; or
2. Personally make the pious Way of the Cross, or devoutly unite themselves to the Way of the Cross while it is being led by the Supreme Pontiff and broadcast live on television or radio." On Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil brings another opportunity.

"A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, at the celebration of the Easter Vigil (or on the anniversary of their own Baptism), renew their baptismal vows in any legitimately approved formula." The Easter Vigil includes renewal of baptismal vows. Early in Holy Week: On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week we should try to make Mass and receive Holy Communion. That is a "must" because receiving Holy Communion is one of the basic conditions for any plenary indulgence. Here, we consider those certain plenary indulgences that can be gained all year.

These are the ones we can obtain on Monday through Wednesday as long as we fulfill the basic conditions (more on them later) and also perform the work required. The Manual of Indulgences makes this very clear to us: "Deserving of special mention are grants pertaining to *these works by any one of which the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence each day of the year,*" always remembering "a plenary indulgence can be acquired no more than once a day." The Manual lists them as four: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour; The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross; Recitation of the Marian rosary or of the hymn *Akathistos*, in church or an oratory; or in a family, a religious community, or a sodality of the faithful or, in general, when several of the faithful are gathered for any good purpose; The devout reading or listening to the Sacred Scriptures for at least a half an hour. Any one of these per day, Monday through Wednesday - plus Palm Sunday too - can obtain a plenary indulgence for us for ourselves or to apply to a soul in purgatory. Basic

Mandatory Conditions: "In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain prescribed conditions and the performance of certain prescribed works. The person seeking the indulgence must be baptized, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace at least at the time the prescribed work is completed. The Norms remind of another simple essential: we need to have the general intention of wanting to gain the indulgence as well as carrying out the specific works required, according to the sense of the Grant. "To gain a plenary indulgence, in addition to excluding all attachment to sin, even venial sin, it is necessary to perform the indulgenced work and fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff." The Apostolic Penitentiary in 2000 clarified that One Our Father and one Hail Mary is suggested for the Holy Father's intentions thought the faithful can chose what prayer, and one sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences. Divine Mercy Sunday has a plenary indulgence of its own. Through private revelation to St. Faustina, Jesus revealed, *I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment* . According to Robert Stackpole of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy, "The most special grace promised by our Lord for Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul: "complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment." "On Divine Mercy Sunday those who in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")." can receive a plenary indulgence (having also received communion that day and made a confession within several days before or after and are in a state of grace).

Thank you to those who volunteered and helped clear away snow in our recent storm.

Please use the envelope 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.

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 self-disciplined 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>

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!

North Platte Theology on Tap is this Sunday 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

CCD will not meet Easter Weekend or Divine Mercy Weekend (First Communion). May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 5 which serves as the end of the CCD instruction for this academic school year. Summer CCD with the Marian Sisters will be the week of May 19-24.

If you are new to our parish and have not registered, please contact the office via email or contact Fr. Rand and receive a registration form to fill out. We look forward to your presence as part of our spiritual family of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Repairs and installation of some new emergency lights have been made to meet the current civil codes as well as fixing the lighting issues in the sacristy, church office and some electrical work for enhanced safety. In addition, evaluation of the main church lighting has taken place.

Thank you to Toni Barron for her diligence in taking care of our living plants in the narthex and parish hall areas.

Please keep in prayer all the faithful under persecution.

For Your Prayers + Helen Hedges