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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
 Parish Coordinator: Ashley
 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.*

March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 3/25</i>	7:00am	Mary Lou Hallquist
<i>Tuesday 3/26</i>	7:00am	MaKenna Ketter
<i>Spy Wednesday 3/27</i>	5:30pm Stations 6:00pm Mass No Adoration	Intentions of H.H.
<i>Holy Thursday 3/28</i>	6:00pm, Adoration until 10pm	+Reiny Burbach
<i>Good Friday 3/29</i>	Stations 12pm, Divine Mercy 3pm, Service 6pm	
<i>Saturday Easter Vigil 3/30</i>	8:00pm	Missa pro Populo
<i>Easter Sunday 3/31</i>	10:00 am	+Sylvia Prather

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

March 30-31, 2024: Easter Sunday

	Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Michael Krondak/Jim Nisley	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Ed Rieker/Spencer Hampton	Duane Johnsen
Server	Xavier Pieper/Keaton Hampton	Jacob Birulkin
	Liam Pieper	Johnathan Birulkin
Music	Choir	Monica Mordja
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Dave Beran

Stewardship: March 17, 2024: Adult Envelopes- \$1,692

Our Holy Father has asked all Parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Our support helps the Church to minister in Parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and undertake social and charitable works. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is also vital to provide from our means food, clean water and shelter to the victims of the Hamas Israeli war, especially our fellow Catholics in Gaza who literally have nothing. When we contribute to the Good Friday Collection, we become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Subscription to MAGNIFICAT ... MAGNIFICAT is a spiritual guide to help you develop your prayer life, grow in your spiritual life, find a way to a more profound love for Christ, and participate in the holy Mass with greater fervor. MAGNIFICAT is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer. Every day, in a convenient, pocket-sized format, MAGNIFICAT offers beautiful prayers for both morning and evening drawn from the treasures of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official texts of daily Mass, meditations written by spiritual giants of the Church and more contemporary authors, essays on the lives of the saints of today and yesterday, and articles giving valuable spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art. Fr. Mark Seiker has graciously served as our diocesan mediator to allow a group subscription rate of \$26.00/each per Magnificat. That is a savings of \$23.00 off regular (individual price of \$49.00). If you would like to be a part of the group / bulk subscription, please turn in your payment of \$26.00 per Magnificat (checks written to St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton) to the Parish Office via the drop box by the office door, in the collection basket or in the mail by noon on April 7. This is a hard deadline so get your order in as soon as possible to be included.

The group subscription runs from August 2024 – July 2025 and are picked up monthly in our narthex. Those in our Group may also read Magnificat either online or on their iPhone or iPod.

All registered parishioners in good standing who will have surgeries are encouraged to ask for the Anointing of the Sick. In addition, all disposed and able from the Parish who want it/are homebound, and wish for Holy Communion, can set up a time for a Communion call by contacting Fr. Rand.

Thank you to Ron Tejral, Don Kuchta, Greg Vandenberg, John Bode, Phil Heimann, Alice Robinson, Donna Bode, Toni Barron, and anyone else that may have been missed for the time and effort given to cloth the church in purple, and for the changing of sanctuary (altar area) lights.

Thank you to all who brought desserts, meat, and other food items to the DOC auction last week and to all who expressed their generosity and love for our Parish and the church through their bidding. The auction raised over \$3086.00.

A reminder Good Friday is a Day of Abstinence from all Meat for ages 14 and over and a Day of Fasting for all between the ages of 18-59.

As **Holy** Week unfolds, various events occur that directly lead to what will take place on Good Friday. Among these events was the fateful betrayal of Jesus by Judas, one of his own disciples. This action by Judas earned him the title of “spy” by medieval Christians, serving the definition of the English word, “one who keeps secret watch on a person or thing to obtain information.” From Wednesday onward, Judas secretly watched for a chance to turn Jesus over to the chief priests, and so many Christians labeled this day as “Spy Wednesday.”

Extra Confession times to prepare for a Holy Easter will be 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.**

A Ministry of Presence - Evangelizing through the Art of Listening & Genuine Friendships: *This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:12-13* In order to proclaim the Gospel to another, we must first open ourselves up to listening to another person's story and befriending that person in their own journey. Evangelization requires time, commitment, and the vulnerability of interpersonal relationships more than it requires investment in particular programs. We cannot evangelize those we do not love, and we cannot love those we do not take the time to invest in, whether or not they end up becoming Catholic disciples. A good starting point is to find common ground with those we want to evangelize. "In this preaching, which is always respectful and gentle, the first step is personal dialogue, when the other person speaks and shares his or her joys, hopes and concerns for loved ones, or so many other heartfelt needs. Only afterwards is it possible to bring up God's word, perhaps by reading a Bible verse or relating a story, but always keeping in mind the fundamental message: the personal love of God who became man, who gave himself up for us, who is living and who offers us his salvation and his friendship" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 128). Relational evangelization presupposes the understanding that the discovery of Jesus and the experience of His mercy comes before the obligations and demands of the Gospel and the moral life in Christ. As Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa said in *Jesus Christ, The Holy One of God*, to put the obligations of the Gospel ahead of the discovery of Jesus is to put the carts before the railway engine. With this in mind, here are some basic steps we can take to quickly and easily share our faith. A short, two-minute conversation can change a person's life forever.

- A face-to-face conversation about Jesus Christ and His Church can begin with an icebreaker. Often it is helpful to give someone a tangible reminder of Christ's love for them, like a Rosary or a holy medal.
- Invite the person to share something of their story with you. Get to know them as you would anyone you meet for the first time.
- Consider that this person is loved by God

and that the Holy Spirit may have put them in your life so that they can hear the Gospel.

- Ask them if they go to church or to describe their relationship with God as a way to start talking about faith.
- Offer to share one good reason why you choose to believe in God or be a Christian.
- Offer to remember them in prayer daily for the next week and ask them if they have a particular prayer request.
- Offer to pray for them on the spot, placing the burden to pray on you and not on them.
- Ask permission to contact them later and tell them you would like to invite them to a Parish event, or even over to your own home. Follow up on your promise to contact them.
- Invite them to events at your Parish or small groups where they can explore the Gospel.

Our evangelists have found that people want to talk about God and want to connect with other people. We need to be open and vulnerable enough ourselves to extend an offer of friendship and willingly open up the door to a conversation about faith. -- from *Living as Missionary Street Disciples*- St. Paul Street Evangelization

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/>

An Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and under will 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.

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.

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 there will be an opportunity for confessions between 2 and 3 pm.

Please note that the Parish Hall will be open for prayer only Holy Thursday-Holy Saturday while the Eucharist is present.

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.

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.

The Catholic Daughters of America April Meeting has been changed to April 8 at 6 pm in the St Patrick's Spiritual Life Center. All ladies are welcome.

St. Pat's School News: UPCOMING EVENTS: Wednesday, March 27: 10:00AM—Stations of the Cross @ McDaid Golf @ Cambridge—Cross Creek Gold Links Thursday, March 28: NO SCHOOL—Holy Thursday Friday, March 29: NO SCHOOL—Good Friday Monday, April 1: NO SCHOOL—Easter Monday Tuesday, April 2: School Resumes. Join our staff and become a part of something special... We are hiring a Kindergarten teacher for the 2024-2025 School year! Contact: Superintendent Dodson, (308)532-1874, k.dodson@npcschools.org. Enrollment is OPEN for all grade levels! Kindergarten through 12th Grade—ALL on one campus. Take the time to see what we have to offer. Tours can be given throughout the year. Students & Parents are welcome to observe in the classrooms. Contact Gwen Covey—308-532-1874. Our Preschool classes are currently full for the Fall of 2024. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are hosting the District Golf Tournament on Monday, May 13 We are in need of volunteers as score keepers. Contact Maddy Krebs: 308-530-5814

Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten Journal exercise on Tuesdays and also to all who chosen and are choosing to participate in the Stations of the Cross.

For Your Prayers + Helen Hedges, +Jon Castillo