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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 choir, miscellaneous)
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 (bookkeeping, Diocesan data
 entry)

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.*

March 26, 2023: 5th Sunday of Lent

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 3/27	8:00 am	+Donald Turner
Tuesday 3/28	8:00 am	Susan Safford
Wednesday 3/29	(Stations at 5:30pm) Mass 6:00 pm	+Frank & Florena Schneweis
Thursday 3/30	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Friday 3/31	8:00 am	+Marilyn Neels
Saturday 4/1	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 4/2	10:00 am	Phil Cook

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

April 1-2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	John Bode/Michael Krondak	Justin Pieper/Forrest Kain
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Conrad Buhrman
Server	James Krondak	Liam Pieper
	Alex Krondak	Xavier Pieper
Music	Volunteer Needed	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Volunteers

Stewardship: March 19, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,316.80, Combined
 Collection- \$456

Thank you for supporting the Dessert Auction by making sweet treats, donating plants, working, and purchasing items. A special word of gratitude to Rex Walz for auctioning the desserts. Because of everyone's generosity, a profit of \$3,545 will be used to provide SEAS with Altar supplies and other necessary items for the church. May the Lord bless you for your support and kindness! *-Daughters of Charity*

Thank you to Will and Nick Krondak for spending some of their school service hours helping with projects in the church and with the Knights of Columbus breakfast.

Thank you to Ron Tejral for helping to put up a new key cabinet in the office.

Join us Easter Sunday to celebrate with a potluck breakfast (bring something to share) in our Parish Hall from 8:00am-9:30am. After, share with each other the Eucharistic Meal at Mass at 10:00am. Following Mass, families and children will gather in the Parish Hall for an Easter Egg Hunt at approximately 11:00am.

Confession times to prepare for Easter include: Monday, March 27 at 6 pm (included within our Eucharistic Revival Prayer Service with the Marians- 3 priests available); Friday, March 31 at 7:30 am; Saturday, April 1 at 4 pm; Sunday, April 2 at 9 am; Tuesday, April 4 at Noon and at 6 pm until last in line heard; Last scheduled is Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 pm until last in line heard. There will be no scheduled confessions the Easter Vigil/Easter weekend.

There will be no Adoration on Spy Wednesday (April 5) or on First Friday (April 7), which is also Good Friday. All are encouraged to spend some time on Holy Thursday after Mass. Adoration will take place until midnight in the Parish Hall. A pious custom in many places is also to spend some time on Good Friday in the tomb of the Church in the absence of the Eucharist and experience a sense of loss and emptiness.

If you would like to donate toward Easter flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, please use the envelope in your mailed packets (or your own envelope) and note the names, along with whether they are living or deceased. In order to be included in the Easter bulletin, they must be in no later than Palm Sunday weekend.

Fasting: This is eating one normal sized meal, with 2 partial meals that do not equal a full meal, with no snacking between. Catholics are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (ages 18-59). Abstaining from meat: Catholic are required to abstain from meat and anything made from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. (ages 13 and up).

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. Items needed 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.

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.

The Daughters of Charity April meeting will be on the 16th after Mass in the Parish Hall. There will be no meeting in May. Graduation Mass and the reception will be held on April 30.

The Good Friday Collection serves as a means to support our Christian family in the Holy Land who are under persecution. They now form less than 2 percent of the population and our efforts help them preserve the sacred shrines of our faith, as well as help them in their vulnerability and desperate needs. Let us be in solidarity with the faithful of the land that Jesus walked.

Burritos are available from our Knights of Columbus at \$15 for half dozen, \$30 for a dozen and \$2 dozen at \$50. Please contact a Knight or the office to arrange your purchase. All funds raised support the works of the Knights.

Broken blessed objects of any nature (rosaries, statues, books, crucifixes, etc.) and old palms can be brought up to Palm Sunday and placed by the office door for proper disposal. Blessed objects are never to be thrown away in a mundane fashion but are to be burned or buried.

Marriage Encounter: The next Marriage Encounter is April 21-23 in Lincoln. For more info or to register, visit our website at: www.wvme.org, or contact Gary & Brenda Granger, 303-604-6202.

Rachel's Vineyard, Healing After Abortion. The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and it helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. The weekend is a lot of work but yields a fruitful harvest. The next retreat will be directed by Fr Jonathan Haschke (of our Diocese) April 28-30 in Kansas City. For more info, visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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

The Catholic Daughters of America, 1549 Court of Our Lady of Fatima, will meet at 6:00pm Monday, April 3 at St Patrick's Spiritual Life Center.

Parish Council meeting will be Sunday, April 23 at 11:15am.

First Communion will be April 16 on Divine Mercy Sunday.

St. Pat's Knights of Columbus Friday Night Fish Dinner, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Fridays during Lent from 5:00pm-7:00pm, Adults \$12, Child \$6

St. Pat's School News: Upcoming Events: **Mar. 28-** Golf @ Cambridge, **Mar. 29:** Inter-High Day, All School Reconciliation Service, **Mar. 31:** Track @ Perkins Co., **Apr. 1:** Prom. **It's time to X-PLORE!** Monday, June 5th to Friday, June 9th! Students currently in grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Register your student today and reserve a spot before the classes fill up. McDaid students will have one week to register before we start accepting other attendees. Contact Kasia Wieszorek —308-532-1874.

Thursday, March 30th—6PM—Incoming 9th Grade Information Night (Parents & Students) Transferring students are invited to attend.

Tuesday, April 24th—6PM—Incoming 7th Grade Information Night (Parents & Students) Transferring students are invited to attend.

Monday, May 8th - 'BUMP UP DAY'—8AM to Noon. Your student is invited to spend a 1/2 day with us to get the IRISH classroom experience. If you don't currently attend our school, please contact us for more information.

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. (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, 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," reminded the Apostolic Penitentiary in 2000. The conditions are not many and are not at all difficult. First, though, the office initially repeated the definition. "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church..." The office explained, "Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth." For simplicity sake, these simple essentials are presented by the office of the Apostolic Penitentiary in their words: "To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed." "A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have sacramentally confessed their sins; receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); pray for the intentions of the Supreme 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. As for the Stations of the Cross for a plenary indulgence, the manual details, "The pious exercise must be made before stations of the Way of the Cross legitimately erected...According to the common custom, the pious exercise consists of 14 devotional readings, to which some vocal prayers are added. To make the Way of the Cross, however, it is sufficient to meditate devoutly on the Lord's Passion and Death, and therefore reflection on the particular mysteries of the individual stations is not necessary... Progression from one station to the next is required." Then 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 (1109). The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699). And we must trust in Divine Mercy. According to Robert Stackpole, the director of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy, an apostolate of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, "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." St. John Paul II not only declared Divine Mercy Sunday a universal feast of the Church but in 2002 he attached a plenary indulgence to it. This made private revelation's promise "official" as "the Holy See institutionalized the Promise in the form of an Indulgence." First there are the usual or standard three conditions of sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff. Next, the specific conditions or "work" required: "On Divine Mercy Sunday :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!")."

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul.
Marvin Kuchta, Dave Tvrdy