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# ST. ELIZABETH

# ANN SETON

# CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst  
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 Perlinger (Ministries, website,  
 sign, choir, miscellaneous)  
 Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,  
 Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy  
 Days as posted in bulletin

Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-  
 4:30pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:30am  
 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: Family Home Study or  
 Catholic School ; Adult Entry into  
 Catholic Faith (O.C.I.A), 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 9, 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<b>Monday 3/10</b>	8:00 am	Elli Fugate-Schmidt
<b>Tuesday 3/11</b>	7:00 am	Carol Safford
<b>Wednesday 3/12</b>	5:30 pm Stations	Alayna Niesen
	6:00 pm Mass	
<b>Thursday 3/13</b>	7:00 am-7:45 am Adoration 8:00 am	+Tyler Behm
<b>Friday 3/14</b>	8:00 am	Jessica Navin
<b>Saturday 3/15</b>	5:00 pm	Missa pro populo
<b>Sunday 3/16</b>	10:00 am	Nicholas Niesen

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS March 15-16, 2025 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector/Reader</b>	Mary Herout	Cindy Swanson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Michael Krondak	Spencer Hampton
<b>Server</b>	Nicholas Krondak	Eidren Hampton
	Alex Krondak	Keaton Hampton
<b>Music</b>	Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Alice Robinson	Dave Beran

**Stewardship: March 2, 2025:** Adult \$2,700, Register \$36 Ash Wednesday  
 \$465.00

**The Knights of Columbus meeting** will be Monday March 10 at 7 PM.

**Daughters of Charity** meeting will be Sunday March 23 at 11 am.

**The Knights of Columbus pre-meeting is** Saturday March 15 at 8:30 am.

**Camp Kateri Tekakwitha** Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! SKY Camp-3 day Camp for 2025 Grades 4th-6th SKY Games-4 Day Camp for 2025 Grades 7th-8th SKY High-4 Day Camp for Men or Women 2025 Grades 9th-12th Alumni & Family Camp-1 Day Camp for All ages Western Adventure Camp-2 Day Camp 2025 Grades 3rd-4th To register your child, or learn more about these outdoor experiences, go to [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org)

**North Platte THEOLOGY on Tap!** Young adults ages 21-45 are invited to participate in fun and fellowship. March 16 at 6pm at APEShip Brewing Speaker: Fr. Jon Sorensen.

**A Mother/Daughter program will** be held in person in HOLDREGE Saturday, March 29th from 1 - 3 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, 1204 Logan Ave. This is a program for 9-13 year-old girls and a supportive female (mom, grandma, etc.) For more information, please contact Michele Chambers at [michele-chambers@cdolinc.net](mailto:michele-chambers@cdolinc.net)

**A Father/Son program will** be held in person in HOLDREGE Saturday, March 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, 1204 Logan Ave. This is a program for 10-14 year-old boys and a supportive male figure (dad, grandpa, etc.) For more information, contact Michele Chambers at 402-473-0630 or [michele-hambers@cdolinc.net](mailto:michele-hambers@cdolinc.net).

**Our Mother/Daughter program**, held in person in Lincoln Saturday, April 5th from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 6120 Morrill Ave. This is a program for 9-13 year-old girls and a supportive female (mom, grandma, etc.) Father/Son program held in person in Lincoln will be Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1940 S. 77th St., Lincoln. This is a program for 10-14 year-old boys and a supportive male figure (dad, grandpa, etc.) For more information,

contact Michele Chambers at 402-473-0630 or [michele-chambers@cdolinc.net](mailto:michele-chambers@cdolinc.net).

**North Platte St Patrick's Knights of Columbus Fish Frys!** When: Fridays during Lent, 5pm - 7pm Where: St. Patrick's Parish Hall Price: \$12 adults, \$6 for ages 8-12, and free for kids under 8 years old. Here's the mouthwatering menu: Golden fried fish, Creamy au gratin potatoes, Decadent mac & cheese, Crunchy coleslaw, Freshly baked dinner rolls, A variety of beverages including beer, tea, and coffee. An assortment of heavenly desserts.

**St. Pat's School News:** Enrollment is OPEN for all grade levels! Kindergarten through 12th Grade — ALL on one campus. KINDERGARTEN INFO NIGHT TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 5:00PM - @ McDaid Take the time to see what we have to offer. Tours can be given throughout the year. Contact Gwen Covey—308-532-1874 Join us and become a part of the IRISH school family! This is an investment you won't regret! Our Preschool classes are currently full for the Fall of 2025. Questions, please contact us.

**Fasting: Catholics** ages 18–59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating one full meal and two smaller meals that don't add up to a full meal. Snacking between meals is not allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. (Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.) Abstaining from meat: Catholics ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. If uncertainties exist, please ask your confessor.

**The Dessert Auction** is March 15th and 16th after Masses. Homemade, family favorites along with other food items and plants will be auctioned. Come join the fun while supporting the Daughters of Charity and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish!

**Additional Lenten** opportunity for Adoration will be most Thursdays of Lent from 7 am-7:45 am before Mass begins. This opportunity joins the regular First Friday evenings/night and Wednesdays from 6:30 pm-9 pm during Lent.

**St Patrick's North Platte Thursdays of Lent** - join us for Brown Bag Luncheon Talks at 12pm! These talks are designed to nourish your faith and spark meaningful discussions. 12:15PM: Enjoy insightful 30-minute presentations by inspiring Catholic speak- Coffee and water will be provided, but be sure to bring your own lunch! Talks end at 12:45pm, with time for questions until 1pm. Perfect for your lunch break! March 13 - Joel & Liz Bennett March 20 - Fr. Sorensen March 27 - Deacon Dixon April 3 - Deacon Matt April 10 - Cosme Cham.

**Lent and Life:** "By our gracious gift each year, your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure" (Preface of Lent 1). The purpose of Lent is succinctly expressed by this preface. Catechumens prepare for baptism into the paschal mystery. The faithful are reminded of their baptism, and will renew their baptismal vows at the Easter liturgy. Baptism initiates us into the eternal life Christ gives us. The baptized are sons and daughters of God and are members of the Church, the People of Life. The choices of the baptized are therefore to be shaped by their new identity (see Rom 6:6; Eph. 4:17-24). Christ calls the Samaritan woman to repent as she accepts the waters of new life (see John 4:15-24). Lenten repentance is necessary so that God's people may more deeply become who they are. They are called to see their sins more clearly. Hence baptism is known as "illumination." Anyone who makes the Lenten journey is called to be more alert to the attacks on human life and dignity around them. The people of life are called to reject sin and all the devil's works and empty promises (Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Easter Liturgy). The "pro-choice" and "right to die" mentalities are two of those "empty promises" which are firmly rejected by the baptized. A firm rejection of these positions is integral to repentance. Lent is the perfect time for us to call our congregations to a clearer understanding of why this is true, and to lead them to a deeper affirmation

of life, both natural and eternal, in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

**Thank you to all** who supported the KC Fat Tuesday Cajun Meal and the projects of the Knights it supports.

**Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,** the three traditional tools for Lent, are also indulged by our Church in something called "the four general concessions" (*Manual of Indulgences*, pp. 21-36). That is: **1. A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, while carrying out their duties and enduring the hardships of life, raise their minds in humble trust to God and make, at least mentally, some pious invocation.** That can be almost any prayer, even something as quick and simple as "God, help me!" That means our days can be rich in partial indulgences. Remember, every little bit helps. Every prayer and every partial indulgence helps. Now, if you are prone to scrupulosity, please don't let this paralyze you or make you feel like you have to have a never-ending litany of prayer going on in your head. Our works of mercy shouldn't trap us or drive us into the ground. We are blessed with an endless access to grace, not burdened with an obligation to never, ever stop our vocal prayers. Let this be an encouragement to occasionally ask for God's help in your day, knowing that you can be helping the Holy Souls at the same time. If you want to be praying constantly for them, obtain blessed candles and burn them before an image of our Lord, asking His grace for the Holy Souls. **2. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, led by the spirit of faith, give compassionately of themselves or of their goods to serve their brothers in need.** Good news: Your corporal works of mercy can also be spiritual works of mercy! There's a partial indulgence attached to your gifts of time, talent, or treasure to those in need. Just offer a quick, interior prayer to God, saying you're asking for the partial indulgence attached to good works. Then set to! **3. A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, in a spirit of penance, voluntarily abstain from something that is licit for and pleasing to them.** Even better news: Fasting doesn't just mean giving something up. It also means obtaining graces for the Holy

Souls! Just offer a quick, interior prayer to God, saying you're asking for the partial indulgence attached to fasting and abstinence. **4. A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, in the particular circumstances of daily life, voluntarily give explicit witness to their faith before others.** Save souls on earth and help speed souls through Purgatory at the same time! Our Lenten practices can obtain partial indulgences. Even if they weren't indulgenced, they would be means of grace in the world, and be suitable to offer to God on behalf of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Let's talk about some ways of using the three tools this Lent. **Prayer** Outside the Sacraments and reading the Scriptures, what's the best way to welcome God's grace into your life? That's right: prayer. But prayer isn't just for us to have a one-on-one relationship with God (though that's indispensably important). Prayer is also meant as a means for us to work on our relationships with everyone and everything else. After all, God doesn't ask us to give up everything forever and focus on Him alone. We are called to place Him first in our lives so that we receive everything and everyone else from Him, in light of Him. That way, we won't mistake others for Him. We won't fall into idolatry if we have a good, right relationship with God. That way, we'll know how to love others. We'll treat creatures as creatures, not make idols out of them. And we'll come to the aid of our neighbors. We'll intercede for those in need, and thank God for the gift of those who help us. We'll open the floodgates of Heaven to the graces of God, allowing God a freer hand to work in the world by our consent to His will, as Our Lady did. We will do works of mercy every day, throughout the day, even as we work. **Fasting** Remember that your fasting and abstinence are meant to be penance for you, not for those around you! If you can't keep your temper without your morning coffee, please don't give it up. Conversely, it's worth experimenting with giving up your favorite treats, just for a chunk of time, especially if you've been ignoring or not following your doctor's advice for some time. You can also be creative with your fasts. Give up ice cream, for instance, during the week, and allow yourself to indulge on Sunday, or give up ice cream for the first week of Lent, chocolate for

the second, cake for the third, and so on. The point is to train yourself for bigger sacrifices, larger surrenders to the will of God. Better a small fast you will keep than a huge, impossible fast you'll break and feel miserable about. Be intentional. Train your will to place God before your appetite. Do what will best aid your salvation and sanctification. **Almsgiving** We live in a world with an almost infinite chasm of need before us all day, every day. The West is losing or has lost the faith; the poor of the world are in need each and every day; the pandemic pushes our medical professionals to the brink; war threatens innocent civilians across the world; and much, much more. So at the outset, unless you're a billionaire, reconcile yourself to the fact that your individual financial contributions will be most meaningful in your local community, to your immediate neighbor. You or I will almost certainly not be the one to fund the cure for cancer. But small, local needs can be helped hugely by small, local donations. What do your friends and family need? How about your parish, or the local charities that your parish helps? If you can think of the bigger picture, do so: What does your local diocese need? What do bigger Catholic charities need? And of course keep the Marian Fathers in mind! Your Lent doesn't have to be the hardest ever in order for it to be a good Lent. With prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, do good works for God, for yourself, for the Holy Souls, and for your neighbors. May God bless you. Dan Cambra, MIC (Your Lenten Toolkit- Marian.org)

**Pilgrimage to France** with Fr. Redinger Join Fr. Redinger for a 10-day pilgrimage to France June 15-24. Visit [www.journeyoffaithtours.com/france25](http://www.journeyoffaithtours.com/france25) to learn more or register. Contact Carolyn Norbut at 732-216-8073 or [Carolyn@journeyoffaithtours.com](mailto:Carolyn@journeyoffaithtours.com) with questions or for more information.

**"I do not know you,** God, because I am in the way. Please help me to push myself aside." —Flannery O'Connor

**"Do you wish** your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."--St. Augustine of Hippo

**Prayer Requests:** Richard Michaels-ill +Sr. Veronica Volkmer