

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*** ***April 2, 2017***

***Welcome to St. Elizabeth's:*** It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here at St. Elizabeth. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. Registration forms are available in the entry racks or contact us anytime at 308-534-5461.

### **Religious Services**

#### **Mass Schedule** For Sunday Obligation:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

#### **Weekdays & Holy Days**

As published in the Bulletin.

#### **Rosary**

Prayed **8:30 a.m.** Monday mornings, and  
30 minutes before weekend Mass.

#### **Sacrament of Confession**

Offered 30 minutes before most all daily Masses  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m., or by appointment.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation class. This is recommended, and easiest to do before the birth of the child, but must be done before the baptism.

#### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

To assist those who plan to marry, all couples will be required to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation policy, which includes the FOCCUS & Engaged Encounter Programs. This requires a minimum of 4-6 months. The assessment process must be completed before a wedding date is set. Contact pastor early to begin the preparation.

### **Parish Information**

#### **Bulletin Deadline**

All material is to be submitted to the parish office before noon Wednesday prior to the Sunday it is to appear. Email to: [rectory-office@seas-np.org](mailto:rectory-office@seas-np.org)

#### **New or Moving Parishioners**

Please call the office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor to register in the Parish. Please call the office to notify us of any address change.

#### **Your Will**

Ask your attorney to include remembrance of your Church in your will.

#### **Religious Vocations**

Any young woman interested in religious life, or young man interested in a vocation to the priesthood should contact your pastor. Please pray for vocations!

### **Education**

#### **C.C.D. Programs**

Sunday mornings (Sept-May) 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)**

For those interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church. Usually on Wednesdays (Sept-May), 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please contact the parish office for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday	April 2	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Monday	April 3	8:00 a.m.
		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Tuesday	April 4	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	April 5	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	April 6	8:00 a.m.
Friday	April 7	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
		<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday	April 8	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	April 9	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

-- Forty Hours Talk(Confessions after)  
 Vincent Seiker (BD)  
 -- Forty Hours Talk(Confessions after)  
 Phyllis J. Beckius +  
 -- Forty Hours Talk(Confessions Before)  
 Special Intention (rmb)  
 Parishioners with Birthday in April  
 the Portz kids  
 \* Exposition / Stations / Benediction \*  
 People of our Parish  
 Julian & Marty Estrada +

**Out of the  
 depths I cry to  
 you, O LORD;  
 LORD, hear  
 my voice!**

— Psalm 130:1

## Stewardship: March 26, 2017

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$3,006.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$286.00  
**Children:** ..... \$1.00  
**Total:** ..... \$3,293.00

Southern NE Register: ..... \$45.00

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$235.00  
Total Gifts Received:.....\$516,451.74  
 Original DIAL Loan:.....1,485,000.00  
 Total Received (CTTF Camp):\$1,025,440.07  
 Misc Donations Received:.....\$739,940.31  
 Total Payments on Loan:.....\$1,334,895.04  
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$401,936.67

Ash Wednesday:.....\$15.00  
 Combined Collection (general):.....\$60.00  
 American Bishops Overseas:.....\$100.00  
 Black & Indian Collection: .....\$55.00  
 Catholic Communication: .....\$175.00  
 Catholic Home Missions: .....\$100.00  
 Catholic University: .....\$55.00  
 Retired Religious:.....\$140.00

## Parish Calendar

Sunday	Apr. 2	11:00am – 12:15pm <b>CCD Classes</b>	<b>7:00pm – Forty Hours Talk</b> (Confessions After)
Monday	Apr. 3	<b>7:00pm – Forty Hours Talk</b> (Confessions After)	
Tuesday	Apr. 4	<b>7:00pm – Forty Hours Talk</b> (Confessions Before; 6:00pm)	
Wednesday	Apr. 5	7:00pm RCIA Class	
Friday	Apr. 7	6:00pm <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
Sunday	Apr. 9	11:15am – 12:15pm <b>CCD Classes</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus Breakfast</b>

## Catholic School News:

**Prom Prayer ...** Lord, please bless the students attending Prom this weekend. Bless them with a great night filled with good memories. Please give them guidance in making wise decisions and protect everyone in their travels.

**NHS Blood Drive ...** Apr. 7, 11:30am-5:30pm at St. Patrick High School Gym. Contact Seth Vapenik to make your appointment or visit Red Cross Online code: stpatrick.

**Enrollment ...** OPEN Enrollment Time is NOW! The NPCCS has openings for students at all grade levels from Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Contact Jennifer Winder at 532-1874 if you have questions regarding the enrollment process.

**Bump Up Day ...** If you have a student entering grade K-12 and would like to learn more about North Platte Catholic Schools we invite your student to join us for Bump Up Day on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. This is an event where students will advance to the next grade level for some orientation time with the upcoming teachers.

**You must come in to pick up your Kindergarteners in McDaid Gym at Noon.** Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will meet at McDaid (as usual) then be escorted to the JH where they will spend the morning. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will get to experience lunch with the rest of the St. Patrick JH. They will return to the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classrooms for the afternoon at 12:15pm.

**Upcoming Dates: ...** 4/4 7th Grade Parent Orientation; 4/7 Bump up Day; 4/10 District Quiz Bowl@ Sutherland; 4/10-13 MAPS Testing at McDaid; 4/14-17 Easter Break

**Direct your Dollars to McDaid ...** Save those receipts from SunMart and turn them in to our school. Once \$150,000 in receipts have been gathered and verified, a check for \$1,000 will be awarded to our schools. *We are still collecting Box Tops for Education as well as Labels for Education.*

## Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Monday, April 3, at 10:00am** at the Parish Hall. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, April 10, 7:00pm,** Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, April 9,** in the Parish Hall after 10:00am Mass; serving pancakes, eggs, fixings, biscuits & gravy, coffee & juices. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missalettes.

**Knights of Columbus Pro-Life "Buck a Month Drive" ...** This is an annual Fundraiser for Nebraska Pro-Life. If you can spare \$12 or any amount, please put a check in the collection basket between now and April 23. Make the Check out to "KofC Pro-Life".

**Lenten Noon Concert Series ...** This year, Church of Our Savior, 203 W. 4th Street, North Platte, will sponsor a **Lenten Noon Concert Series**. On the Tuesdays in Lent – April 4 – we will gather in the church from 12:15-12:45pm for a concert of meditative music for the Lenten season. Carolyn Cline, organist of Church of Our Savior, and Jan Ekstedt, Pastor of First Christian Church in North Platte, are organizing the series, which will feature musicians from all over North Platte. Plan to join us & make the Lenten Noon Concert Series a part of your observance of Lent.

**LDCCW ...** The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet in Imperial on Saturday, April 8, beginning with Stations of the Cross at 8:30amMT, followed by 9:00amMT registration, with the LDCCW Spring Full Board Meeting convening at 9:20amMT. All women and priests of the Lincoln Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend.

**A HUGE THANK YOU AGAIN! ...**

The Daughters of Charity made enough to provide the Altar Breads, wine & candles and provide for the many social events the parish host again because of the successful Family Favorite Dessert Auction last weekend. A big thank you to all those who provided the desserts, bid on any of them, or purchased any of them. It was a FUN PARISH EVENT and very much appreciated. A special thanks to our very own auctioneer, Rex Walz and his bid-takers: Jerry Volesky, Chuck Burr, and Conrad Buhman. Also for the assistance of Don and Sheila Exner, Toni Barron, Teri Volesky, Sheila Nisley, Margaret Baxa, and our event Co-Chairs: Alice Robinson, Sharon Beckius, and Joan Ryland.

**Prayer for Life ...** Join believers throughout the world in praying the Lenten Prayer for Life, found at [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org). Sponsored by Priests for Life, this prayer campaign enables us to pray in the spirit of Lenten penance that the world may turn away from the Culture of Death and embrace a Culture of Life. Then, after Lent, this same campaign will provide a prayer for the Easter Season, focusing on the victory of life. Pray these daily prayers with your families!

**Project Connect is “a one-stop shop” ...**

approach to link participants to services and resources, and will take place on April 4, 2017 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the North Platte Salvation Army. We are currently in need of donations of the following items: Non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, pillows, blankets, laundry products, diapers, smoke alarms, and carbon monoxide detectors. Items can be left in the large box in the Narthex of the Church, and will be collected on March 31, 2017. Questions? Contact Ashley Perlinger at 308-532-3250.

**Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Campaign ...**

each year in the Fall, the Knights of Columbus gathers Coats for Kids in need. Last year at Catholic Social Services in Lincoln, more than 800 coats were distributed by the Knights of Columbus. This is a good time to buy coats while the prices are so good. Let us store them for you, & we'll get them to the Kids (in North Platte or surrounding area communities) This Fall.

**Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism**

**with Logic & Love ...** during March & April, parishioners are encouraged to join in a Study by Dr. Edward Sri in the Parish Hall on various evenings & (on your own with FORMED.org).

	<b>7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm</b>	7:00pm	7:00pm
Will Not Meet this week – Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions (Apr. 2 - 4)			
Will Not Meet in Holy Week (April 9 – 15)			
#6	<b>“I Disagree” Doesn’t mean “I Hate You”</b>	<b>Monday</b> Apr. 17	Tue 4/18 Fri 4/21
#7	<b>Exposing the Mask</b>	<b>Sunday</b> Apr 23	Tue 4/25 Fri 4/28
#8	<b>What is Truth? Answering Common Questions</b>	<b>Monday</b> May 1	<b>Thursday</b> May 4

**Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ...**

register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

**April – May Schedule:**

- Apr 7-9 ..... Msgr. Daniel Seiker ..... Men / Women  
“Journeying with Christ in His Passion and Resurrection”
- Apr 13-15 ..... Marian Sisters..... Young Women  
Triduum Retreat
- Apr 21-23 ..... Msgr. Robert Roh..... Men / Women  
“Go in Peace, Your Sins are Forgiven”
- May 5-6 ..... Sharon Doran ..... Women  
“Women in Scripture (2-Day)”

**Sacred Music & the Liturgy Presentation ...**

**all Choir members, Cantors, Organists, and anyone involved or interested in music and the liturgy ...** is invited and encouraged to come to one of the presentations being held in the “western” areas of our Diocese. These Diocesan presentations don’t get much closer than this!

- **Sunday, April 30, 2017, 4:00pm-5:00pm** at **St. Catherine Church Hall in Indianola** (5:00pm dinner following the presentation [\$5.00 donation for meal requested, please RSVP to Kay Portillo: (308-227-1231 or [kay.c.portillo@gmail.com](mailto:kay.c.portillo@gmail.com), by Friday, April 21).
- **Monday, May 1, 2017, 10:00am-11:00am** at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall in North Platte** (please RSVP to Father Mark Seiker: (308-534-5461 or [frmseiker@gmail.com](mailto:frmseiker@gmail.com), by Friday, April 28).

**Without A Spouse April meeting ...**

will be to go to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on April 9 for 10:00am Mass and attend the Breakfast after Mass. We will meet in Bargain Bin parking lot 9:15am-9:30am for those who want to car pool to Church.

**Southern Nebraska Register ...**

In your Jan-Feb packet of envelopes, there is an envelope for the Southern Nebraska Register. The subscription rate for the Southern Nebraska Register is \$15.00 for one year. At \$15.00, this is an incredible bargain. Please use the envelope for your subscription to the Register. If you are not receiving your copy, please let the office know so we can add you to the list. Please make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

**FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**Steve Ray Speaking In North Platte ...**

at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for their annual Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration on April 2 – 4, 2017.

Steve will be speaking at 7:00pm on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. His talks will be:

- **Sunday (04/02/17): From Baptist to Catholic: Steve’s Conversion Story ...** keeps most people on the edge of their seat as he tells his captivating story. Learn what he used to believe about the Catholic Church, what convinced him of the Truth, and how he relates to those who are protestant with his analogy of the "Ship and the Rafts.
- **Monday (04/03/17): Defending the Eucharist: You are What You Eat ...** The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the summit of Catholic life and worship, yet one of the most contested doctrines of the Church. Like many today, thousands of Jesus’ disciples left him because eating His Flesh and drinking His Blood was “a hard saying.” Steve clearly explains the Biblical basis for the Eucharist in the Old and New Testaments and the early Church. With his customary style of humor and hard-hitting facts, Steve will help you understand and defend the Blessed Sacrament.
- **Tuesday (04/04/17): Swimming Upstream: Living a Catholic Life in a Pagan World ...** By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, Steve gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization. Catholics and non-Catholics are all invited to come to hear Steve speak and also to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord (in Adoration and opening your heart to the Heart of Jesus). Child care will be provided in the Parish Hall (from 6:40pm – 8:30pm). There are two young women (about 25-30 years old) who currently work in a Day Care Facility in North Platte, who have been “background checked” who will be providing Day Care for us. Please RSVP to rectory-office@seas-np.org, and let us know how many children and the ages of the children that will be coming to child care, so that we have enough other youth or adults to help these two professional women care for the children.

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., April 8, 5:00pm	Sun., April 9, 10:00am
Reader/Spkr	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Narrator	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Rex Walz	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Harmon Johnsen	Jace Grunden
	Brock Johnsen	Lakeland Lowrey
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Jerry & Sharon Beckius	Gary & Jan Bush
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Duane Johnsen
	Sharon Beckius	Heather Johnsen

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
 Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66

**Prayers for the sick:** Pat Sexton, Sharon Beckius, Frank Schneweis (Emily Krondak's father), John Kahl, Mike & Kim Paul, Special Intention, Kade Folchert (grandson of Bob Folchert), Margaret Schuckert, Ella Ochoa, Eileen Boltz, Jim Beckius.

**Prayers for the deceased:** Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius, Sheryl Darpoli, Patricia Dancer (Mary Bratton's mother), Lonnie Schmid (Jon Schmid's brother), Jose Luis Rodriguez, (Fr. Rafael Rodriguez's father), Barbara Barak, (Fr. Chris Barak's mother), Alexis Heaslip, (Fr. Andrew Heaslip's mother), Gerald Wiedel, (Fr. Tom Wiedel's father), Gene Donoho (Melissa Johnson's uncle).

**Birthdays:** 4/4 - Michael Krondak, Michael Lafleur, 4/5 - Hanna Pieper, Anna Krondak, 4/6 - Courtney Fegter.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED ...** The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead – a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that – through Christ – God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and – with Christ – in our life everlasting. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**LOOK ...** Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up. —Anonymous

**OPEN OUR GRAVES ...** Open our graves, Lord, remove us from the prison of death. Place your Spirit in us so that we may live in a world of freedom. —From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by WLP, Inc. p.155

**Pray for our Seminarians:** **Santiago Jose Izquierdo**, from St. Peter Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. **Andrew Thomas Ojeda**, from St. Mary Parish, Denton. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

## **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS:**

**(April) Young People:** That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.