

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)* *April 8, 2018*

**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

Monday	Apr. 9	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Apr. 10	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Wednesday	Apr. 11	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday	Apr. 12	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Apr. 13	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Apr. 14	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Apr. 15	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

KC Day of Prayer for Unborn Child  
 Ben Seiker (bap)  
 Elli Fugate  
 Jerry Kenny +  
 Increased Devotion to Immaculate Heart  
 Kirk & Carol Ann Van Dyne  
 People of Our Parish

**Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

— 1 John 5:5

## Stewardship: **April 1, March 25, 2018**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,250.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$410.00  
**Children:** ..... \$1.50  
**Total:** ..... \$1,661.50

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$1,015.00  
**Total Gifts Received:.....\$676,576.05**  
 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:.....\$1,500,360.04  
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$254,215.88

Southern NE Register: .....\$15.00  
 Holy Thursday Rice Bowl:.....\$334.00  
 Good Friday Holy Land: .....\$506.80  
 Easter Sunday: .....\$590.00

## Parish Calendar

Sunday	Apr. 8	<b>10:00am First Communion Mass - NO CCD – Knights of Columbus Breakfast</b> 12:15pm Daughters of Charity meeting in Rectory Conference Room.
Wednesday	Apr. 11	7:00pm RCIA Class
Friday	Apr. 13	7:00pm CSA Dinner in Indianola (6:15pm Lector/Acolyte Installation in Indianola)
Saturday	Apr. 14	61 <sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW)
Sunday	Apr. 15	11:00am CCD Classes

## Catholic School News:

**Attention CURRENT FAMILIES of NPCS ...** Now is the time to RE-ENROLL your students for the 2018-2019 school year. You must Log In to Sycamore. Look under NEWS for Online Re-Enrollment Article. Follow the link in this news article. If you need assistance in the process please contact Jennifer Winder at [j.winder@npcschools.org](mailto:j.winder@npcschools.org). *Current SENIOR Parents ... this includes you!! Please follow this simple process and it will advance your students to Post Grad status.*

**Newly Enrolled Families?? ...** Now is a GREAT time to consider the North Platte Catholic Schools for your family! We offer a challenging college-preparatory curriculum, small class sizes, and many opportunities for leadership & involvement; all in a faith-centered atmosphere. **Plus, scholarship funds are now available for new families!** Why wait? Call to learn more and schedule a tour! Enrollment is open for Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> Gr. 532-1874 or message Jennifer Winder at: [j.winder@npcschools.org](mailto:j.winder@npcschools.org).

### Upcoming Events ...

*The Week of April 9-12 is MAPS Testing for grades 7-10. Be sure to eat a good breakfast!*

April 14 PROM.

April 20 District Music Contest at Hershey.

April 25 SPHS Spring Concert at 7pm.

*Tickets will soon be on sale for the Athletic Banquet watch for further details!*

**SUMMER XPLORE ...** Program Dates: Mon., June 4 – Fri. June 8.

Classes will run from 9am-Noon. Registration: \$65 if received by May 4! Please visit Sycamore or [npcschools.org](http://npcschools.org) to get your Registration Form.

### Good News at NPCS!!

Samuel is a Freshman at NPSP and involved in Cross Country, Golf, Quiz Bowl, One Act, Swing Choir, Concert Band, Irish Elite Band, and Speech. Samuel has been involved with several productions at the North Platte Community Theater, most recently Willy Wonka. Samuel and his family are active members of Holy Spirit Parish where he serves in the Music Ministry. Samuel is the son of Ed and Debbie Dekleva.

### North Platte Catholic School:

**Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future**

## Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Sunday, April 8, at 12:15pm** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

**Attention All Catholic Women ...** 61<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW)! The theme for the convention is "Doing Small Things with Great Love". **Friday, April 13**, at Knights of Columbus Hall in McCook for 7:00pm Dinner and Speaker. **Saturday, April 14**, at St. Patrick Church Basement in McCook for this great event.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Apr 9, 7:00pm**, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, April 8**, 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 Missalette.

## Knights of Columbus Monthly Breakfasts ...

The proceeds of our monthly breakfast are used to purchase the Missalette. We are very thankful for all your support, however donations have dropped to a level that does not allow us meet our obligations to the church for purchasing the Missalette. Through prayerful discussions it has been decided to ask for a suggested donation of \$7 per adult & \$2 per child. This is only a suggested donation. We welcome your continued support of Knights Breakfasts. Please feel welcome to invite others to come as well. It is a good time to get better acquainted with other parishioners, especially new ones.

**Mass for our Graduating Seniors ...** is Sunday, **April 22**, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for our High School Seniors.

**Holy Spirit Youth Group ... April 11 6:00pm-8:00pm!** All high school students grades 9-12 are invited for Fun, Food and Faith at the Faith Formation Building. Join us for Marty's cooking and Holy Water Pong, Tempting Twister, Saints Sling Shot and Heavenly Heads Up. Prizes including an Echo dot!!

**The Chaplet ...** Today's observance of Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to renew our devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There is a close link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following:

"On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (*Diary, 1276*).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (*Diary, 474*). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." (*"Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p. 13*).

In 2003, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Blessing to all who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet "for mothers, that they not abort their offspring; for infants in danger of being put to death in the womb; for a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators; for human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning and euthanasia; and for all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death."

### **Renew Subscriptions to MAGNIFICAT! ...**

MAGNIFICAT is a monthly publication containing a short morning, evening, & night prayer, & a short daily meditation; as well as the Scripture readings for the Daily & Sunday Masses, essays on the lives of the saints, and spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art. Magnificat is a good way to learn more about your faith & deepen your prayer life and your relationship with God. The **annual group subscription rate is \$21.00/each**. That is a savings of almost \$24.00 off regular (individual price of \$44.95). If you would like to be a part of the group / bulk subscription, please turn in your payment to Fr. Seiker. The **group subscription runs from Aug. 2018-Jul. 2019**. Those in our Group may also read Magnificat either **online** or on **iphone** or **ipod**.

**The Bargain Bin ...** continues to be blessed with awesome volunteers and generous donors! We want to, again, thank our anonymous Bargain bin angel who scooped out the parking lot during the recent snow storms. Our next evening Bag Sale is this coming **Monday, April 9 from 5-8pm**. We are accepting donations of furniture. We are looking for someone who knows how to embroider on shirts. If you do, please contact Nancy Peetz 402-739-1017 or Linda Kirk 308-660-2787. Thank you to everyone who makes the Bargain Bin mission possible for us to joyfully do the Lord's work!

**Please Send A Thank You Note/Email ...** on Tuesday, April 3, the Nebraska Legislature passed the state budget bill, LB944, **with the pro-life Title X provision intact!** This is a major pro-life victory! Message your senator now.

The Title X provision ensures that Title X taxpayer funds do **not go to abortion services**. It prohibits funds from being distributed to an organization that performs, assists with, provides directive counseling in favor of, or refers for abortion. The Legislature spent over 20 hours discussing this provision through hearings, committee meetings, and floor debates. Needless to say, this was & continues to be a very contentious issue.

Please send a message to your senator regarding their support or opposition to this legislation. As always, call the Nebraska Catholic Conference office (402-477-7517) with any questions!

We extend a special thanks to the pro-life senators who courageously stood in defense of life. And thank you for your prayers and vital advocacy efforts on this critical pro-life policy!

**REVIVE ...** It's with great excitement that we announce to you the first annual Diocese of Lincoln Young Adult Conference - REVIVE. It will take place **July 13-14, 2018** at the Newman Center. To register: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/revivelnk>. Check-in Friday 6-7pm, starts with 7:15pm Exposition; Concludes Saturday with 4:30pm Mass, Dinner, and 8pm Live Band.

### **Men/Women seeking healing from Divorce ...**

*The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin June 4, 2018 and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Cost is \$50. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, or [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto:catholicflo@cdolinc.net) IF there is interest for a class/group in North Platte, we might be able to start one, call 534-5461!

### **FORMED.ORG Training Conference with the Augustine Institute! ...**

FORMED.ORG is being used by parishes all over the world to engage Catholics and non-Catholics like never before. Leaders from the Augustine Institute will be conducting special trainings in the Diocese of Lincoln to teach leaders from parishes how to make the most of FORMED for evangelization and faith formation. There will be **two trainings** on **Saturday, April 14**. The first is from **8:30 – 11:30am at John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln**. The second training is from **1:30 – 4:30pm at St. Michael Parish Hall in Hastings**. The training is FREE, and only one of them needs to be attended. You can register by going to [www.lincolndiocese.org/events](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/events) or by calling (402) 473-0615.

### **Camp Kateri Dueling Pianos Benefit ...**

annual benefit dinner Friday, **April 13, 2018** at Stone Creek Reception Hall, McCool Junction; 6:30pm=Dinner; 8:00pm=Dueling Piano Show. Tickets:\$40/per; \$350/table of 8. Email [CampKateri@gmail.com](mailto:CampKateri@gmail.com) or 402-724-2596.

### **SKY Camp & Leadership Camp Registration ...**

**Online registration is open** for SKY Camp & Leadership Camp. To register your child, more info outdoor experiences, [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org)

### **TOTUS TUUS (A Summer Catechetical Program)**

... is scheduled for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish **July 8-13, 2018** Makes plans for your children & other children you know to participate.

### **Diocesan Canoe Trips are coming up! ...**

This three-day outdoor adventure includes daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. A Campfire, skits and rosary fill the evening hours. Dates are **July 8-10** and **July 10-12**, cost is \$100. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip>.

### **Camp Kateri Registrations ...**

Online registration for Leadership Camp is at [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org). This Catholic program is a 7-day summer camp for boys entering 6-9th grades. Camp 1 is July 8-14, 2018. Camp 2 is July 15-21, 2018. The cost is \$415. For more info, go to Camp Kateri website or email [CampKateri@gmail.org](mailto:CampKateri@gmail.org).

### **Western Nebraska Community for Life ...**

**PRAYER GATHERING** Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00pm  
Victory Church of God 3121 W A St

### **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**MERCY SUNDAY Holy Hour ...** please come to the **Holy Hour, Sun., April 8, 3:00pm-4:00pm, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & quiet prayer time.

**Fr. Seiker going to a Priest Funeral on Wed, April 11 ...**

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., April 14, 5:00pm	Sun., April 15, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Jerry Beckius	Shane Lowrey
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Xavier Pieper
	Volunteer	Nicholas Niesen
<b>Music</b>	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Gifts</b>	Rich/Claudette Wielechowski	Chuck & Kathy Burr
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**Prayers for the sick:** Kelly Henry (Mitch Gregg's sister), Julie (Kellogg) Buehler (Molly Walz's aunt), Peggy Fleecs, Dan Becker (Ed Rieker's brother-in-law), Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), Patti Caudillo, Leona Clouatre, Renate Nordquist, Virginia Waechter (mother of Peggy Orr), Sharon Beckius, John Kahl, Mike & Kim Paul, Margaret Schuckert, Eileen Boltz, Jim Beckius.

**Prayers for the deceased:** Frank Schneweis (Emily Krondak's father), Martha Burbach, Bernie Pieper (Justin Pieper's grandfather), Jerry Kenny (Charles & Toni Barron's son-in-law), Bernadine Duryea (Ben Heskett's mother), Luke Ranck, Robert Inlow (Joanne Bollish's son), Mickey Kirwan (Teri Volesky's brother), Margaret Baxa, Loretta Pilakowski, Pat Sexton, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

**Birthdays:** 4/10 - Teresa Niesen, Laura Dickinson, 4/12 - Kay Cooper, 4/14 - Gianna Pieper.

**Congratulations:** to Charles & Toni Barron who celebrate their **65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Apr. 11.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION** ... Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposita*, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE** ... It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1) – what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**NO THEORY** ... Let your religion so be less of a theory and more of a love affair. —G. K. Chesterton

**EVERYTHING** ... God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything. —St. Julian of Norwich

**Pray for our Seminarians:** **Daniel Joseph St. Hilaire**, from Assumption Parish, Dwight. He entered the Seminary in 2017. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. **Keevan Michael Statz**, from St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2017. He is in Pre-Theology 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

## **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS**

**(APRIL): Universal: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters** - That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.