

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ***April 9, 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

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. 10 **7:00 a.m.**
 Tuesday Apr. 11 **5:30 p.m.**
 Wednesday Apr. 12 **5:30 p.m.**
 Holy Thursday Apr. 13 **7:00 p.m.**
followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration until midnight
 Good Friday Apr. 14 **12:10 p.m.**
7:00 p.m.
 Holy Saturday Apr. 15 **9:00 p.m.**
 Easter Sunday Apr. 16 10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Elli Fugate
 Anna Lee
 Steve Seiker (BD)
 Increased Devotion to Immaculate Heart
 Stations of the Cross/Seven Last Words
 -- Good Friday Liturgy --
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
 People of our Parish

**God greatly exalted
 [Christ] and
 bestowed on him
 the name which is
 above every name.**
— Philippians 2:9

Stewardship: April 2, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$1,938.80
Loose Plate:\$315.52
Children: \$6.00
Total: \$2,260.32

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$1,215.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$517,666.74
 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:.....\$1,338,395.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$398,436.67

Ash Wednesday:\$0.00
 Combined Collection (general):.....\$0.00
 American Bishops Overseas:.....\$0.00
 Black & Indian Collection:\$0.00
 Catholic Communication:\$0.00
 Catholic Home Missions:\$0.00
 Catholic University:\$0.00
 Retired Religious:.....\$120.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday Apr. 9 11:15am – 12:15pm **CCD Classes** **Knights of Columbus Breakfast** **3:00 pm Confessions**
 Monday Apr. 10 **5:00pm Chrism Mass** (Cathedral in Lincoln) **7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting**
 Wednesday Apr. 12 7:00pm RCIA Class
 Thursday Apr. 13 **7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper** (Adoration until Midnight)
 Friday Apr. 14 **12:10pm Stations of the Cross/Seven Last Words** **7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy**
 Saturday Apr. 15 **9:00pm Easter Vigil**
 Sunday Apr. 16 **10:00am Easter Sunday Mass - NO CCD**

Catholic School News:

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

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! Friday, April 7th marks Bump Up Day 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 the McDaid Gym at Noon.**

Current 6th Grade will meet at McDaid (as usual) then be escorted to the JH where they will spend the morning. 6th Grade will get to experience lunch with the rest of the St. Patrick’s JH. They will return to the 6th Grade classrooms for the afternoon at 12:15pm.

Upcoming Dates: ... 4/10-13 MAPS Testing at McDaid; 4/14–17 Easter Break; 4/21 District Music at Sutherland; 4/24 McDaid 4th-6th grade Spring Concert; 4/26 –HS Spring Concert.

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.*

North Platte Catholic School:
Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

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 “K of C Pro-Life”.

Project Connect ... A huge thanks to all who donated items for Project Connect on April 4. There were over 40 agencies present, and the event served 134 individuals total. It was wonderful to have items to give away. Thank you again!

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.

Western Nebraska Community for Life ... Our mission is to protect human life from conception to natural death. Another very significant portion of our mission is to promote healthy & stable families. We believe the best way we can do that is draw closer to God through prayer & follow His will. As He promised, “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matt. 18:20) The monthly prayer gathering will be hosted by Victory Church of God on April 11 at 7:00pm. Please come, bring some friends, & join us at the Victory Church of God, 3121 West A St, as we seek God’s help in fulfilling our mission.

Choir Practice ... Please join us for choir practice for the Triduum. **Choir Practice Wed., April 12 is at 6:15pm in Choir Loft.** All are welcome to join. Please call Matt Perlinger (308) 289-3187.

Jesus' Death is Our Example ... "Jesus, who upon entering into the world said: "I have come, O God, to do your will" (cf. Heb 10:9), made himself obedient to the Father in everything and, "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1), giving himself completely for them. He who had come "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45), attains on the Cross the heights of love: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). And he died for us while we were yet sinners (cf. Rom 5:8). In this way Jesus proclaims that life finds its center, its meaning and its fulfillment when it is given up. At this point our meditation becomes praise and thanksgiving, and at the same time urges us to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps (cf. 1 Pt 2:21). We too are called to give our lives for our brothers and sisters, and thus to realize in the fullness of truth the meaning and destiny of our existence." -- John Paul II (*The Gospel of Life*, n. 51)

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).

	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
Will Not Meet in Holy Week (April 9 – 15)			
#6	"I Disagree" Doesn't mean "I Hate You"	<u>Monday</u> Apr. 17	Tue 4/18 Fri 4/21
#7	Exposing the Mask	<u>Sunday</u> Apr 23	Tue 4/25 Fri 4/28
#8	What is Truth? Answering Common Questions	<u>Monday</u> May 1	<u>Thursday</u> May 4

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, 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, by Friday, April 28).

Southern Nebraska Register ... The subscription rate for the Southern Nebraska Register is \$15.00 for 1 year. At \$15.00, it is an incredible bargain. Use the envelope to renew your subscription. Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Thank you!

First Holy Communion Mass ... is Sunday, April 23, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for our 2nd Grade Students.

Mass for our Graduating Seniors ... is Sunday, April 30, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for our High School Seniors.

TOTUS TUUS (A Summer Catechetical Program) ... is scheduled for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish July 9-14, 2017. Makes plans for your children & other children you know to participate.

Easter Lilies ... are being purchased for the Altar (\$10 ea.). If you wish to make a flower memorial for your loved ones, living or deceased, please put the money in an envelope with the name of the person to be remembered and the name of the person requesting the memorial. You may put the envelope in the collection or give it to Toni Barron. Names will be listed in the bulletin for Easter.

CHRISM MASS ... On Monday, 4/10/17, the Mass for the Blessing of the Holy Oils (the Chrism Mass), will be prayed in the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln at 5:00pm. At this Mass, over 100 priests will be concelebrating with the Bishop to show the unity of the Church in our own Diocese. All are welcome to attend!

RICE BOWL OFFERINGS ... The Church instructs us to bring gifts for the poor in the offertory on Holy Thursday. That would be a very fitting time to bring your Rice Bowl contributions (the fruits of your Lenten fasting & sacrifices) to Church & put in the collection.

ADORATION on Holy Thursday ... After the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), parishioners are asked to spend one hour in adoration: A-H (9-10), I-P (10-11), Q-Z (11-12).

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION ... On Good Friday, the collection will be for the Holy Land. This money is used to maintain the Catholic shrines in the Holy land, to alleviate suffering there among the Christian population & to help retain a Catholic presence in the place where Christ redeemed the world.

COME TO THE EASTER VIGIL ... In order to fully appreciate the beauty and the mystery of the Easter Vigil, it must begin after dark! This is one of the most impressive and beautiful Masses of the whole Church year. Experience it this year!

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. 2017-Jul. 2018. Those in our Group may also read Magnificat either online or on iphone or ipod.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Forty Hours Audio Talks ... by Steve Ray are available to listen to from our parish webpage. On our home page, click the red letters "Eucharistic Adoration". Continue to stay close to the Eucharist, swim up-stream & invite others.

Scheduled Times for Confession are:

- Sunday April 9, **3:00pm**, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Sunday April 9, 7:00pm, St. Patrick, **McCook** (5 Priests)
- Wed., April 12, **4:30pm-5:25pm**, St. Elizabeth
- Thu. April 13, 8:15pm – (as long as needed), St. Elizabeth
- Fri. April 14, 8:15pm – (as long as needed), St. Elizabeth
- Sat. April 15, 4:00pm – 5:00pm, St. Elizabeth

If these times don't fit your schedule, make an appointment to have your confession heard in the Rectory. **Be Forgiven!**

MERCY SUNDAY: Novena to the Divine Mercy ... We will begin the novena at the service of the Seven Last Words on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross at 12:10pm. Join in praying the Novena & Chaplet daily. Also, please come to the Holy Hour, Sun., April 23, 3:00pm-4:00pm, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & quiet prayer time.

Be open to the Lord's mercy, pray for an outpouring of His mercy in your life, in the lives of those you love, and in all persons throughout the world. Be merciful!

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., April 15, 9:00pm	Sun., April 16, 10:00am
Reader	Jim Nisley / Shane Lowrey	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Jerry Cooper
	Rex Walz / Conrad Buhrman	
Server	D. Connelly / W. Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Lakeland Lowrey / N. Niesen	Nicholas Niesen
Music	Choir	Volunteer
Gifts	Newly Confirmed	Jarrold/LaTisha Connelly
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Jeff Orr
	Alice Robinson	Charles Barron

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6,15,17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31-34; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6,12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: Gn 1:1 – 2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

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: Norma Pfeiffer (Shane Lowrey's grandmother), 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).

Birthdays: 4/10 - Laura Dickinson, Teresa Niesen, 4/11 - Mike Mohr, 4/12 - Kay Cooper, 4/13 - Leila Werle, 4/14 - Gianna Pieper

Congratulations: to Charles & Toni Barron who celebrate their **64th Wedding Anniversary April 11.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Now we have come to the center of the Christian year, beginning with today, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and culminating in the Pasch, the Sacred Triduum. Some have called the culminating event in this week's journey of faith "The Three Days of Easter." The origins of many of our observances, including today's blessing of palms and solemn entry into the church, harken back to old Jerusalem.

In the late fourth century, a woman living a consecrated life in southern France made a four-year pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There, she encountered the rich liturgies of the city, bursting with Christians. She was a keen observer, and fortunately for us wrote vivid letters of her experience to a circle of women friends she calls her sisters. By the time of her journey, it is clear that even some catechumens were undertaking the dangerous journey so that they could be formed at the very site of the events of Christ's passion and rising. At the heart of the pilgrim experience were processions, such as today's joyous procession to the Mount of Olives, and brilliant catechesis from the bishop every day, as well as intense fasting and prayer. When you resolve to keep this week holy in your own life, and especially when you commit to participate in the full Triduum with worship in church and fasting at home, a very ancient tradition is within your grasp. —

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SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY ... We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we — his Body through baptism, the church — now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

THE CROSS ... We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; through whom we are saved and delivered. —Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *Roman Missal*

RESSURECTION TO COME ... But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I trust. —Walter Raleigh

Pray for our Seminarians: **Augustine Xavier Reimers**, from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Seward. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. **Matthew James Schilmoeller**, from North American Martyrs Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 2 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.