

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*** ***April 16, 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

|           |         |                   |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| Monday    | Apr. 17 | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  |
| Tuesday   | Apr. 18 | <b>7:00 a.m.</b>  |
| Wednesday | Apr. 19 | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  |
| Thursday  | Apr. 20 | 8:00 a.m.         |
| Friday    | Apr. 21 | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  |
| Saturday  | Apr. 22 | <b>5:00 p.m.</b>  |
| Sunday    | Apr. 23 | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> |

## INTENTIONS

Special Intention (rmb)  
 Mary A. Bodensteiner +  
 Mary Colling +  
 Phyllis J. Beckius +  
 Nancy Rieker  
 People of our Parish  
 Teresa Niesen

**When Christ your  
 life appears,  
 then you too will  
 appear in glory.**

— Colossians 3:4

## **Stewardship: April 9, 2017**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$2,058.80  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$176.19  
**Children:** ..... 1.00  
**Total:** ..... \$2,235.99

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$100.00  
**Total Gifts Received:** .....**\$517,766.74**  
 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**

Good Friday/Holy Land: .....\$15.00  
 Combined Collection (general):.....\$0.00  
 American Bishops Overseas:.....\$15.00  
 Black & Indian Collection: .....\$15.00  
 Catholic Communication: .....\$15.00  
 Catholic Home Missions: .....\$15.00  
 Catholic University: .....\$15.00  
 Retired Religious:.....\$15.00

## **Parish Calendar**

|           |         |                |   |
|-----------|---------|----------------|---|
| Monday    | Apr. 17 | 7:00pm         | Who Am I To Judge? <b>“I Disagree” Doesn’t Mean “I Hate You”</b> Session #6 |
| Tuesday   | Apr. 18 | 7:00pm         | Who Am I To Judge? <b>“I Disagree” Doesn’t Mean “I Hate You”</b> Session #6 |
| Wednesday | Apr. 19 | 7:00pm         | RCIA Class  |
| Thursday  | Apr. 20 | 7:00pm         | CSA Dinner in McCook (6:15pm Lector Installation in McCook)                 |
| Sunday    | Apr. 16 | <b>10:00am</b> | <b>First Communion Mass - NO CCD</b>  |
|           |         | <b>3:00pm</b>  | <b>=Divine Mercy Holy Hour</b>  |

## **Catholic School News:**

**Reminder ...** There will be No School on 4/17 Easter Monday. May you all enjoy a Blessed Easter with those closest to you. ALLELUIA! Christ Is RISEN!

**North Platte Giving Day is May 3<sup>rd</sup>!!** ... Mark your calendars... North Platte Giving Day is Wed., May 3<sup>rd</sup>! The North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc. is one of the participating organization. Your gifts to the Endowment on May 3<sup>rd</sup> can help us earn extra incentive and matching gifts! Please SAVE THE DATE, and plan to give on May 3<sup>rd</sup>! Give online at: <https://www.northplattegivingday.org/> or in person at the Endowment office (601 S. Tabor).

Remember to utilize the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment's SCRIP program for your shopping and gift giving! SCRIP is a gift card fundraising program that provides tuition assistance for McDaid and St. Pat's families. ANYONE can purchase SCRIP! Please stop by the SCRIP table in the gathering area after Mass to view a list of available retailers and to learn more. (SCRIP is great for graduation gifts!)

**OPEN Enrollment Time is NOW!!** ... Please be sure you have taken time to **Re-Enroll** your family for the next school year. The process is very simple now! If you have questions on accessing Sycamore please contact Jennifer Winder as soon as possible! We need all current families to complete the Re-Enrollment process by May 1<sup>st</sup>! Thank You for your cooperation.

**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.

**Upcoming Dates** ... Music April 21<sup>st</sup> at Sutherland; April 24<sup>th</sup> McDaid 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Gr Spring Concert; Elementary Music Concert 4/24-5:30 (grades 4-6<sup>th</sup>); District 4/26 HS Spring Concert.

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

## **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”.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **Our Lady of the Harvest Magnificat Brunch** ...

You are invited to Our Lady of the Harvest Brunch on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00amMDT at the Quality Inn, off the I-80 exit in Ogallala, for a morning of sustaining faith and ultimate joy hearing Teresa's testimony of God's love!

Teresa Sorensen was born in Lincoln, NE., with five sisters. She became involved in the Charismatic Movement while in college at UNK. Teresa and Dan have been married 39 years and were foster parents for newborns and unwed mothers. Faith sustained her through infertility and the adoption of their four children, deaths of five family members in four years, and currently the challenge of her mother's dementia. One of her many joys was their oldest son becoming a Priest for the Grand Island Diocese! Teresa and Dan live in Kearney and she is the Coordinator of the Magnificat Chapter there.

For Reservations send check or money order for \$15.00 to Julie Sestak Box 142, Madrid, NE 69150 (308-326-4475) jsestak1971@yahoo.com Julie Sestak Our Lady of Harvest Magnificat

**Eucharistic Adoration Retreat/Workshop ...**

We are excited to announce that Fr. Sean Davidson & Fr. Barry Braum from the “Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist” <https://mostholyeucharist.com> will be assisting us in hosting a Eucharistic Adoration Retreat and Workshop at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House **June 8-11**. <http://www.goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule/> The primary purpose of this event is to assist those who are working in the parish with the adoration program. If you know of anyone who is already working or is interested in getting more involved to help establish a “Eucharistic Renewal” in the diocese, please inform them of this event.

The “Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist” has for its charism the promotion of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in parishes and dioceses. The Missionaries are a community working to increase the Eucharistic Reign of Jesus in ourselves and in the world. Its goal is the establishment of Eucharistic Shrines, perpetual adoration in parishes and the formation of adorers so that they will be able to love Jesus and make Him loved.

“The retreat will be in the form of Eucharistic spiritual exercises, with Scriptural meditations in front of the Blessed Sacrament, daily Mass, as well as Confession and spiritual direction. The goal of the retreat is the renewal of our spiritual life through a profound experience of the healing love of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.”

**Our Easter Mission ...** “Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering. “Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep ... so in Christ all will come to life again” (1 Cor. 15:20-22). The paradox of the Christian message is this: Christ - the head - has already conquered sin and death. Christ in his body - the pilgrim people of God - continually suffers the onslaught of the Evil One and all the evil which sinful humanity is capable of.

“The liberating message of the Gospel of life has been put into your hands. And the mission of proclaiming it to the ends of the earth is now passing to your generation. Like the great apostle Paul, you too must feel the full urgency of the task: “Woe to me if I do not evangelize” (1 Cor. 9:16). Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life. The Church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals, in order to make the Gospel of life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts and the structures of society in order to create a civilization of true justice and love.” – Pope John Paul II to Youth, August 15, 1993, Denver, CO.

**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                    |
|----|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| #6 | <b>“I Disagree” Doesn’t mean “I Hate You”</b>    | <b>Monday</b><br>Apr. 17 | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Apr. 18 |
| #7 | <b>Exposing the Mask</b>                         | <b>Sunday</b><br>Apr 23  | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Apr. 25 |
| #8 | <b>What is Truth? Answering Common Questions</b> | <b>Monday</b><br>May 1   | <b>Thursday</b><br>May 4  |

**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.

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

all Choir members, Cantors, Organists, and anyone involved or interested in music & the liturgy ... is invited & 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 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).

**DISCOVER Hope! ...** Everybody needs hope! Join others at the Women’s Resource Center’s 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 6, and help the 1,500 men and women they serve. Pick up a pledge form in the Narthex if you plan to walk or sign in as a sponsor [Women’s Resource Center will collect your pledge]. Bring your family! The walk begins at the center [316 East Front Street] with registration at 9:30am. The walk begins at 10:00am and ends with lunch served by NebraskaLand Bank as well as activities for children.

**Thank your senator! ...** Please take an opportunity to call or email your senator, Mike Groene, to thank him for his pro-life commitment and for voting YES on LB46 – Choose Life License Plates. Share your gratitude for his pro-life position and let him know you are praying for him! Call his office (402-471-2729) or email him ([mgroene@leg.ne.gov](mailto:mgroene@leg.ne.gov)).

**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:**

**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!

**Easter Thank You’s ...**

We need to extend our thanks to the many people in the parish who have made our Lenten Season & Holy Week a special time of grace and holiness. THANKS ... to the choir director, members of the choir, those who played the keyboard, musicians, and the cantors for the hours of practice that produced the beautiful singing during Lent and especially during Holy Week ... to the lay ministers and servers who helped make our liturgies prayerful ... to those faithful servants who cleaned the Church and who worked many hours behind the scenes doing all of the preparations in the sacristy and Church with decorating the Altar, and the Holy Thursday Repository, the care of the palms, the flowers and the candles, ... and to all of our parishioners who expressed and shared their faith through their attendance at daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross, Our Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions, and especially the Holy Week Liturgies. May the graces we received through Lent, draw us closer to God and one another in the Easter Season and always!

## Liturgical Minister

|                | Sat., April 22, 5:00pm | Sun., April 23, 10:00am |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>  | Jerry Beckius          | Chuck Burr              |
| <b>Acolyte</b> | Jerry Volesky          | Jerry Cooper            |
| <b>Server</b>  | William Krondak        | Nicholas Niesen         |
|                | Nicholas Krondak       | Kevin Bantam            |
| <b>Music</b>   | Sharon Beckius         | Matt & Ashley Perlinger |
| <b>Gifts</b>   | Steve & Janet Fear     | Communion Class         |
| <b>Ushers</b>  | Steve Fear             | Volunteer               |
|                | Janet Fear             | Charles Barron          |
|                |                        |                         |

## *Readings for the Week*

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Monday:    | Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15                |
| Tuesday:   | Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18                 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35                       |
| Thursday:  | Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48                          |
| Friday:    | Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14                   |
| Saturday:  | Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15                       |
| Sunday:    | Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31 |

**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:** 4/18- Mina McCormick, Bridger McCormick.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Easter is nearly three weeks later this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The emperor squashed the hopes of the quartodecimans, as the fans of 14 Nissan were called, and chose Sunday. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 & April 25.

The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with "golden numbers," "dominical letters," and "epacts" measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.

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

**REJOICE AND BE GLAD ...** "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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**DANCING FOR JOY ...** The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior. —Alexander Carmichael

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

**Pray for our Seminarians:** **Tony Clint Schukei**, from St. Teresa Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in Pre-Theology 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. **Christian Thomas Schwenka**, from Holy Family Parish, Heartwell. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 3 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.