

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)*** ***April 23, 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. 24	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Tuesday	Apr. 25	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	Apr. 26	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday	Apr. 27	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Apr. 28	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Apr. 29	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Apr. 30	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

Richard & Donna Hernandez  
Funeral for Pat Sexton +  
Robert T. Bodensteiner +  
Phyllis J. Beckius +  
Book of Memories / Blessings  
Joan Ryland  
Clare Weed +  
People of our Parish

**Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and have believed.**

— John 20:29b

## **Stewardship: April 16, 2017**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$403.80  
**Loose Plate:**.....\$105.00  
**Easter Sunday:**.....\$963.00  
**Children:**..... \$0.00  
**Total:** ..... \$1,471.80

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
Gifts last week: .....\$2,557.74  
**Total Gifts Received:.....\$520,324.48**  
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

Holy Thursday/Rice Bowl: \$315.25  
Good Friday/Holy Land: .....\$677.00  
American Bishops Overseas:.....\$20.00  
Black & Indian Collection: .....\$10.00  
Catholic Communication: .....\$10.00  
Catholic Home Missions: .....\$10.00  
Catholic University: .....\$10.00  
Retired Religious:.....\$40.00

## **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Apr. 23	<b>10:00am First Communion Mass - NO CCD</b>	<b>3:00pm=Divine Mercy Holy Hour</b>
Tuesday	Apr. 25	7:00pm Who Am I To Judge? “Exposing the Mask” Session #7	
Wednesday	Apr. 26	7:00pm RCIA Class	
Friday	Apr. 28	7:00pm Who Am I To Judge? “Exposing the Mask” Session #7	
Sunday	Apr. 30	<b>10:00am Senior Graduation Mass</b>	11:00am – 12:15pm <b>CCD Classes</b>
		<b>4:00pm Sacred Music Presentation Mass – St. Catherine Parish Hall, Indianola</b>	
Monday	May 1	<b>10:00am Sacred Music Presentation Mass – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall</b>	

## **Catholic School News:**

### **Be entertained by our NPCCS Students ...**

4/24 – 5:30pm Elementary Music Concert: Includes Solos, Small Groups, Recorders and Band.

4/24 – 7:00pm: Spring Play Productions - **An Evening of Five Short One Acts.**

4/26 -7:00pm: JR High / High School Concert: Senior Spotlights, Solos and much, much more.

These events are free & open to the public. Please join us!

**ATHLETIC BANQUET ...** May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. This event will be held in St. Pat's Parish Hall. Tickets are \$12 Each; Seniors who have participated in one full season are admitted free of charge. *Reservations must be made by April 24<sup>th</sup>.* Contact the school if you'd like to purchase tickets.

**North Platte Giving Day is May 3<sup>rd</sup>!!** ... Give on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at local Giving Sites or at [NorthPlatteGivingDay.org](http://NorthPlatteGivingDay.org).

**SCRIP makes a great graduation gift!** ... SCRIP gift card fundraising program 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.

**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 ...** 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**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Program ...** the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has introduced a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Program. Responding to this invitation, Knights of Columbus Council #12530 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary on **Sunday, April 30 at 6:00pm.** We will pray the Angelus & the Rosary. Following the Rosary, at 6:30pm all are invited to the Parish Hall to enjoy some good food provided by the Knights of Columbus.

**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”.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, May 8, 7:00pm,** Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:** will be **Monday, May 1, at 11:15am** at the Parish Hall, following the 10:00am Sacred Music Presentation . All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Thank you to all who helped with Confirmation ... Teachers: Bridget Mohr & Heather Johnsen. Those who helped with the reception: Peggy Orr, Ermalinda Torres, Joan Ryland, Alice Robinson, Toni Barron, Robin Bartlett.

**Pancake Breakfast ...** Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council is serving a Pancake Breakfast, April 30, 8:45am - Noon, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in North Platte. Please join us.

**Southern Nebraska Register ...** The subscription rate for the Southern Nebraska Register is \$15.00 for 1 year. Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Thank you!

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

**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."

**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.

**ONE BOOK + ONE DIOCESE** ... This spring, the Diocese of Lincoln Evangelization Office is recommending **An Introduction to the Devout Life** by St. Francis de Sales. Addressed as a personal letter, the book genuinely represents our desire to lead a devout and holy life, how we should approach God in prayer and the Sacraments, the practice of 16 important virtues, how to resist temptations and be firm in our practice of devotion. It is a book to be read again and again, and to use as a guide for the rest of your life. No one will come away without being profoundly impressed and without being motivated to begin their spiritual journey ... which leads ultimately to God and to Heaven. An online study guide for use as individuals or groups is available at:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57082740746fb9895f9277d8/t/5768348f893fc0d9d35ab5af/1466446992402/dis\\_devout\\_life.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57082740746fb9895f9277d8/t/5768348f893fc0d9d35ab5af/1466446992402/dis_devout_life.pdf)

**Divine Mercy and Pro-life** ... Pope Saint John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a 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*).

**Pro-Life Corner** ... "If I had to choose between having all the money I needed to pay for all of the things that I want, and my mother somehow being able to give us another sibling, I would choose the extra sibling in a heartbeat. Each additional child made the family more complete than we knew we could be." *From "One More Soul - A Child's Point of View"*

**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
#7	<b>Exposing the Mask</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Apr. 25	<b>Friday</b> Apr. 28
#8	<b>What is Truth? Answering Common Questions</b>	<b>Monday</b> May 1	<b>Thursday</b> May 4

**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).

**Feinstein Challenge at Food Pantry** ... During April the North Platte Catholic Food Pantry will again participate in the Feinstein Challenge. This is where Mr. Feinstein will match up to one dollar for each dollar or pound donated to our Food Pantry.

**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.

**FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**MERCY SUNDAY: Novena to the Divine Mercy** ... 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.

**Fr. Seiker at Jesus Caritas meeting** ... in Waverly, **Mon., Apr. 24 – Tue., Apr. 25** I will return **Tue. afternoon.**

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., April 29, 5:00pm	Sun., April 30, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jon Walz	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Drew Connelly
	Volunteer	Nicholas Niesen
<b>Music</b>	Sharon Beckius	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
<b>Gifts</b>	Philip & Kelsey Heimann	Conrad Buhrman Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Nordquist	Shane Lowrey
	Charles Barron	Volunteer

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20  
 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 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**Prayers for the sick:** Jerry Cooper, 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:** Pat Sexton, 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:** 4/24 - Jon Vapenik, 4/25 - AJ Pineda, 4/26 - Jessica Buhrman, Joan Ryland, 4/28 - Rick Marquez, Duane Johnsen.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or “eternal flame” burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word “tabernacle” itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for “tent,” and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally “pitched his tent with them” in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of “ark” or “tent” to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God’s presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**A SEASON OF JOY ...** “They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles – Luke, Peter, and John – who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**DOUBT ...** There lives more faith in honest doubt, Believe me, than in half the creeds. —Alfred, Lord Tennyson

**SAVE UP ...** When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts. —Anonymous

**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.