

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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5th Sunday of Easter ***May 14, 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	May 15	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	May 16	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	May 17	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>
Thursday	May 18	8:00 a.m.
Friday	May 19	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	May 20	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	May 21	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
 Gilbert & Nadine Rieker +
 Benjamin Rieker
 Fr. Leo Seiker (BD)
 John Rieker
 Al & Nita Hullett
 People of our Parish

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

— John 14:6

Stewardship: May 7, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$2,255.00
Loose Plate:\$360.00
Children: \$3.00
Total: \$2,653.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$830.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$521,154.48
 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:.....\$1,345,895.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$394,839.64

Ascension Thursday:..... \$15.00
 Peter's Pence:.....\$5.00
 Southern NE Register\$15.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday May 14 **10:00am May Crowning during Mass** 11:00am – 12:15pm **CCD Classes** (last class)
 11:00 am Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Sunday May 20 11:15 am CCD Pizza Meal

Catholic School News:

Preschool ... We invite you to visit Little Leprechaun Preschool Monday (5/15) or Tuesday (5/16) for an Open House. The Open House will give your family an opportunity to view the classrooms, get acquainted with the daily schedule, meet our Teachers, and much more. The Open house will run from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

We welcome you and your student to check out our world at Little Leprechaun Preschool.

Summer ... School will dismiss on Thursday, May 18th at noon for the Summer Break. Remember to join us for the X-PLORE program this summer. The Public Library also provides ample opportunity for summer reading.

SCRIP ... Don't forget to use SCRIP when planning for your summer vacations. Gas Cards, Groceries, Shopping, and Dining Out are all available through SCRIP! SCRIP purchased before July 1st is applied towards tuition credit for the 2017-2018 School Year. Purchasing SCRIP July 1st or after will earn tuition credit for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Congratulations ... Congratulations to the Class of 2017 for earning over \$1.5 million dollars in scholarships!

Up to Date ... Please stay up to date with Nebraskaland Days Activities and other NCatholic School festivities over the summer by logging into Sycamore or following us on Facebook: search McDaid Elementary or North Platte Catholic Schools.

We pray you all have a safe and wonderful summer!

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

Jump on the Bus ... Three men from St. Pat's and two from Holy Spirit will be ordained as permanent Deacons May 27 at the Cathedral in Grand Island. There is a bus available to make travel to the ordination easier and to limit the number of people driving themselves to this blessed event. There is no charge to ride the bus. If you would like to join us May 27, please call the St. Pat's parish office to reserve your seat. The bus will depart at 7:00am from St. Patrick's and return approximately by 3:00pm.

“Theology on Tap” ... is a program for young adults in their 20's and 30's. Please join us for our first series of four monthly speakers starting **May 21st** with Bishop Hanefeldt kicking us off at Lake Maloney Golf Course Clubhouse. A meal will be provided (7:00-9:00pm) & free will donations accepted. Cash bar. Please follow our link on facebook Theology on Tap North Platte. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Kramer 520-1622.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... **Sunday, May 14**, 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 Missalettees.

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

Relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Coming to the Cathedral in Lincoln ... As part of a U.S. tour to celebrate the 130th anniversary of his birth and the 15th anniversary of his canonization, relics of the renowned 20th century mystic and healer, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina – better known as Padre Pio – will be at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd, in Lincoln on **Saturday, May 13**. The relics will be visible for veneration from **8:00am to 8:00pm**. A vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm in honor of St. Pio. The relics include a fingerless glove that the saint used to cover his stigmata, a piece from the bed upon which he slept, and a piece of cloth that he used to clean his stigmata. More information can be found on the Diocese of Lincoln website at <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/>.

The Gift of a Loving Family ... “The joy of families living in accord with God's plan animates and enriches our community with a spirit of vitality and enthusiasm. The example of your friends and neighbors demonstrates that while children require sacrifice, they are also the source of joy, meaning and of peace. Who does not understand the great gift of a loving family?” Bishop James Conley, “The Language of Love”

Charity & Stewardship Appeal CSA 2017

(DDP) ... this weekend, May 13-14, you will be asked to stop at a table in the Narthex after Mass to make your pledge for The Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2017). The goal for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is **\$7,820.00**. These funds will be used for the various programs funded by the Charity & Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2017).

Since we support a Catholic Grade School and High School, **80% of our goal** and everything over our goal comes back to us. So, **80% of our pledge payments are returned to our parish to help us provide Catholic education through our local Catholic School!**

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our diocese. Once a year, our bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education.

Thanks to all who responded so generously to the Charity and Stewardship Appeal. Each year the success of this appeal depends on you. Again this year, you have done a wonderful thing – your gifts have helped to assure that the Charity & Stewardship Appeal will be able to continue its mission of fostering the Kingdom of God here in southern Nebraska.

The results thus far are: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton goal is **\$7,820.00!** The pledges so far total \$13,340.00, and \$6,300.00 has already been paid. There were 19 persons who pledged more in 2017 than in 2016 for a total of \$4,265.00 MORE! There were 7 persons who gave less in 2017 than in 2016, for a total of \$540.00 less. There were 18 persons who gave the same that they gave last year for a total of \$3,155.00. May the Lord reward you for your contributions, & for giving what you have to Him. **There are still 61 cards out! If you haven't made your pledge, please do so this Saturday or Sunday or when called on. Please remember to be faithful to your pledges!**

Politics and Religion Do Mix ... The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in its doctrinal note "On some questions regarding the participation of Catholics in political life" (2002) said about St. Thomas More: "[He] gave witness by his martyrdom to the inalienable dignity of the human conscience. Though subjected to various forms of psychological pressure, Saint Thomas More refused to compromise, never forsaking the constant fidelity to legitimate authority and institutions which distinguished him; he taught by his life and his death that 'man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality.'"

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

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Congratulations to our Graduate ... God's blessings to our Senior, *Ellie Buhrman*, who graduated from St. Patrick High School last Sunday. Congratulations! Stay with the Lord; let Him & His Bride, the Church, help you in your life.

100th Anniversary of Mary's Apparition in

Fatima ... On May 13, 1917, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children: Lucia dos Santos and her two younger cousins, Blessed Francisco Marto and Blessed Jacinta Marto. They said that they saw a woman dressed in all white, "more brilliant than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal glass filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun."

Mary asked the children to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners. Each month when Mary appeared to the children, she asked them to pray (especially the Rosary), to offer sacrifices. Mary also asked that Russia be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart.

In the Spring of 1916 ... there were three visitations of the Guardian Angel of Portugal. These apparitions prepared the children for the visits of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary appeared to the Children over six (6) months.

May 13, 1917 ... First Apparition

June 13, 1917 ... Lucia asked Mary "Will you take us to heaven?" The Blessed Virgin said, "Yes, I shall take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you will remain a little longer, since Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth. He wishes also for you to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart."

July 13, 1917 ... Mary gave the children a secret, including a vision of Hell.

August 19, 1917 ... The Mayor of the district had put the three children in jail so that they could not keep their appointment with Mary. However, the children saw Mary a few days later on August 19, 1917.

September 13, 1917 ... tens of thousands of people attended the apparition.

October 13, 1917 ... Mary appeared with St. Joseph. 70,000 people in a the crowd saw the sun dance, spin, descend on them. The clothes of the people in the crowd who came out in the rain, had their clothes dried by the sun.

Francisco (06/11/1908 – 04/04/1919) died on April 4, 1919, after receiving his First Holy Communion the previous day. **Jacinta** (03/11/1910 – 02/20/1920) died on February 20, 1920 at nine years of age. **Lucia** (03/28/1907 – 02/13/2005) became a Carmelite Sister in Coimbra, Portugal. She died in 2005, at the age of 97.

Mary gave the children **three secrets**: 1) A vision of Hell. 2) An impending war and the need for Russia to be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart, so that the communists in Russia would not spread errors around the world. 3) A "bishop clothed in white" getting shot.

Fatima is a great place of pilgrimage with about five million people per year coming to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, which was started to be built in 1928.

This 100th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions is important to celebrate with joy. It is important to remember that the events of Fatima, as well as the Blessed Virgin's appearance in Lourdes, and Her appearance in Guadalupe, and also Jesus' appearance to St. Faustina in the image of the Divine Mercy, and Jesus' appearance to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the image of the Sacred Heart are all events that are examples of "private revelation" as opposed to public revelation, which is given for all people of all times and the revelation was completed perfectly by Jesus Christ.

Catholics do not have to believe any private revelations. This 100th Anniversary of the appearances at Fatima are a reminder of the message of the Gospel which is a call to conversion ... which brings us closer to Jesus Christ.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., May 20, 5:00pm	Sun., May 21, 10:00am
Lector	Jerry Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	CindySwanson/AliceRobinson	Mike & Emily Krondak
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Jeff Orr
	Alice Robinson	Charles Barron

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4,15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

Prayers for the sick: Loretta Pilakowski, Sharon Beckius, Frank Schneewis (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, Lonnie Schmid (Jon Schmid's brother), Jose Luis Rodriguez, (Fr. Rafael Rodriguez's father).

Birthdays: 5/16 - Jon Schmid, 5/17 - Kyle Troyer, Matthew Buhrman, 5/18 - Charles Barron, 5/19 - Blake Niesen, Jarrod Connelly.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... In many parish churches, more rarely in monastery churches and cathedrals, the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament is visible from a doorway or aisle in the church. Normally, a person is to give the proper sign of reverence, a genuflection, when passing in proximity to the tabernacle. The word "genuflect" comes from Latin roots meaning bending (or flexing) the knee. A common-sense exception to the rule is for a sacristan who is taking care of the church and can't be genuflecting every thirty seconds during a vacuum run. Also excepted are persons in procession entrusted with important symbols of the Lord's presence. So, a crossbearer or a minister carrying the Gospel book, or ministers on their way to their Communion stations do not genuflect. For everyone else, the usual sign of reverence for the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament is to genuflect on the right knee.

The oldest form of reverence during prayer in our tradition is standing; kneeling or genuflecting is a sign borrowed from old civic practice. The posture of kneeling, even on one knee, is a sign of submission. Servants would take this position before their masters in the ancient world. It said: I'm not running away, I'm yours, I'm here for you. This is what your genuflection says when you enter a Catholic church where the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is visible to you: I'm yours. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE WAY ... Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

MOTHERHOOD ... All mothers are working mothers. —Anonymous

LONGING ... The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for. —German proverb

Pray for our Seminarians: *at St. Gregory the Great Seminary; at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; at Mount St. Mary Seminary. Pray for the Priests teaching in the Seminary and the Formation faculty and the staff.*

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS:

(MAY) Christians in Africa: That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.