

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*** ***May 21, 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   | May 22 | 8:00 a.m.         | Marriage between 1 man & 1 woman |
| Tuesday  | May 23 | <b>7:00 a.m.</b>  | Al Robinson +                    |
| *** ** * <i>The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</i> * ** * ** *                             |        |                   |                                  |
| Wednesday  | May 24 | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Mark Stadler                     |
| Thursday   | May 25 | 7:00 a.m.         | Phyllis J. Beckius +             |
|  |        | 12:10 p.m.        | Special Intention (j)            |
|  |        | 7:00 p.m.         | People of our Parish             |
| * ** * |        |                   |                                  |
| Friday   | May 26 | <b>12:10 p.m.</b> | Pat Sexton +                     |
| Saturday   | May 27 | <b>5:00 p.m.</b>  | Mark Stadler                     |
| Sunday   | May 28 | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | People of our Parish             |

## INTENTIONS

**“I will ask the Father, and he will give you ... the Spirit of truth.”**

— John 14:16-17

## **Stewardship: May 14, 2017**

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| <b>Adult Envelopes:</b> ..... | \$1,246.00 |
| <b>Loose Plate:</b> .....     | \$222.01   |
| <b>Children:</b> .....        | \$0.00     |
| <b>Total:</b> .....           | \$1,468.01 |

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| <u><i>Joy of the Gospel Campaign</i></u> |                           |
| Total Pledged:                           | .....\$958,770.00         |
| Gifts last week:                         | .....\$3,133.91           |
| <b>Total Gifts Received:</b>             | <b>.....\$524,288.39</b>  |
| 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       |
| <b>Balance on DIAL LOAN:</b>             | <b>..... \$394,839.64</b> |

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| Ascension Thursday:  | .....\$0.00 |
| Peter's Pence:       | .....\$0.00 |
| Southern NE Register | .....\$0.00 |

## **Parish Calendar**

|           |        |          |   |
|-----------|--------|----------|---|
| Sunday    | May 21 | 11:15 am | <b>CCD Pizza Meal</b> followed by Movie on Fatima.                                  |
|           |        | 2:30 pm  | <b>MT</b> Cursillo Ultreya at St. Patrick Parish Hall, Imperial.                    |
|           |        | 7:00 pm  | <b>“Theology on Tap”</b> with Bishop Hanefeldt (Lake Maloney Golf Course Clubhouse) |
| Wednesday | May 24 | 5:30 pm  | Vigil of Ascension Thursday   |
| Thursday  | May 25 |          | <b>Ascension Thursday-</b> Holy Day of Obligation                                   |

## **Catholic School News:**

### **We pray you all have a safe and wonderful summer!**

**K-12 Music Instructor** ... Due to professional advancement, the North Platte Catholic Schools has a vacancy and are now taking applications for a K-12 music instructor. A valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate is required. Interested applicants can contact Supt. Kevin Dodson at 308-532-1874 or email k.dodson@npcschools.org.

**Summer** ... 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 1<sup>st</sup> is applied towards tuition credit for the 2017-2018 School Year. Purchasing SCRIP July 1<sup>st</sup> or after will earn tuition credit for the 2018-2019 School Year.

### **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 & 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 St. Pat's parish office to reserve your seat. The bus departs at 7:00am from St. Patrick's & returns by 3:00pm.

### **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.

### **“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 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**Thank You** ... to everyone who assisted with the funeral dinner for Loretta Pilakowski by providing food or serving the dinner. — *Sheila Exner*.

**Pro-Life Feminism** ... Susan B. Anthony (1889), abolitionist and early leader of the women's suffrage movement, opposed abortion, saying: “Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them.”

**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)

## Charity & Stewardship Appeal CSA 2017

(DDP) ... 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!**

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 \$14,295.00, and \$7,955.00 has already been paid. There were 21 persons who pledged more in 2017 than in 2016 for a total of \$4,340.00 MORE! There were 10 persons who gave less in 2017 than in 2016, for a total of \$1,600.00 less. There were 52 persons who gave the same that they gave last year for a total of \$3,655.00. May the Lord reward you for your contributions, & for giving what you have to Him. **There are still 22 cards out! If you haven't made your pledge, please do so when called on. Please remember to be faithful to your pledges!**

**Gospel of Life Insert ...** “During our contraceptive years, we worried about ‘performance’ when we engaged in intimacy. We lost sight of what true love really means – giving for the good of the other. Without even realizing it, we were destroying the love/life bond which is so crucial to marriage. We were celebrating the unitive aspect of our relationship, but not the procreative.” *Bob and Gerri Laird, “Birth Control: It Almost Cost Us Our Marriage.”*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sacred Music Clinic ...** The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be hosting the Second Annual Sacred Music Clinic on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at the Newman Center in Lincoln. A mailing was recently sent to those who attended last year’s clinic and parish musicians.

This year all of the presentations will be given by local priests and musicians. Parish musicians, cantors, and choir members, as well as interested Parishioners are invited to participate ... please mark your calendars.

## Eucharistic Adoration Retreat/Workshop ...

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 & Workshop at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House on **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.”

## FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Fr. Seiker at Ordinations ... Friday evening (5/26) & Saturday morning (5/27). Returning for Saturday confessions/Mass.

### 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 27, 5:00pm | Sun., May 28, 10:00am |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>  | Mike Krondak         | Justin Pieper         |
| <b>Acolyte</b> | Jon Walz             | Jerry Cooper          |
| <b>Server</b>  | William Krondak      | Drew Connelly         |
|                | Nicholas Krondak     | Lakeland Lowrey       |
| <b>Music</b>   | Greg Vandenberg      | Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg  |
| <b>Gifts</b>   | Jerry & Teri Volesky | Jeff & Peggy Orr      |
| <b>Ushers</b>  | Steve Fear           | Shane Lowrey          |
|                | Janet Fear           | Duane Johnsen         |
|                |                      |                       |

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Jn 15:26 - 16:4  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22 -18:1; Ps 148:1-2,11-14;  
 Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;  
 Mt 28:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23-28  
 Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1,4,7-8;1 Pt 4:13-16;  
 Jn 17:1-11

**Prayers for the sick:** 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:** Loretta Pilakowski, Pat Sexton, Norma Pfeiffer (Shane Lowrey's grandmother), Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius, Sheryl Darpoli, Lonnie Schmid (Jon Schmid's brother).

**Birthdays:** 5/23 - Luke Walz, 5/25 - Dolores Kosmicki, 5/28 - Alice Robinson.

**Congratulations:** to **Dennis & Trudy Brosius** who celebrate their **53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary May 23.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION** ... The custom of genuflection is not found everywhere in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is a bit of breach of etiquette to genuflect in most Eastern Catholic Churches. If you're visiting an Eastern Catholic or an Orthodox church, the "when in Rome" rule should be adopted. Watch what the home team is doing! Usually, Eastern Catholics and Orthodox reserve a small portion of the eucharistic bread for the dying in a cupboard or eucharistic dove, but it is not a center of attention or devotion. The rule is to make a profound bow, called a "metasis," toward the altar – bowing deeply while making the sign of the cross.

East and West split years before we Westerners began to reserve the Blessed Sacrament prominently in our churches. Thus, the East never changed the original custom of bowing toward the altar. Increasingly, as tabernacles became more widespread in the West and moved into prominent placement within churches, we replaced the bow toward the altar with a genuflection toward the Blessed Sacrament when its place of reservation is visible.

In a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a special chapel or off the main axis of the building, normally you should bow toward the altar when you enter your pew, because the eucharistic table is the principal sign of Christ's presence in the church building. If you have ever participated in the liturgy of Dedication of a Church and Altar, there is no mistaking the altar's significance: it is first slathered with chrism and then adorned with a brazier billowing clouds of incense that fill the whole church as a sign of prayer and presence! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PEOPLE OF HOPE** ... Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**EXTREMES** ... If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity. —St. Philip Neri

**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.