

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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Pentecost Sunday June 4, 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 June 5 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday June 6 7:00 a.m.
 Wednesday June 7 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday June 8 8:00 a.m.
 Friday June 9 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday June 10 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday June 11 10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

-- NO Mass -- (Fr. Seiker on
 -- NO Mass -- Priests Retreat at
 -- NO Mass -- Good Counsel Retreat
 -- NO Mass -- House in Waverly)
 Anthony Hernandez +
 Elli Fugate
 People of our Parish

**There appeared to them
 tongues as of fire, which
 parted and came to rest
 on each one of them.**

— Acts 2:3

Stewardship: May 28, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$1,479.00
Loose Plate:\$283.00
Children: \$6.00
Total: \$2,277.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$310.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$527,538.39
 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:.....\$1,353,395.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$387,339.64

Ascension Thursday:..... \$509.00
 Peter's Pence:.....\$0.00
 Southern NE Register\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sun., May 4 – Thur. June 8 Fr. Seiker on **Annual Priest Retreat** at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly
 Sunday June 11 11:00am = Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Monday June 12 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall.

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 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.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

"Theology on Tap" ... is a program for young adults in their 20's and 30's. Please join us for our second series of four monthly speakers on **June 11** to hear "Battle Ready" with Doug Barry, Host of EWTN's "Life on the Rock" 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.

Child care will be provided at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall. (from 6:40pm – 9:30pm). There are three young women (two are 20-30 years old, one is 40-50 years old) who currently work in a Day Care Facility in North Platte, who have been "background checked" and who will be providing child care for children of any 20-30 year old parents going to Theology on Tap who would like to make use of this child care option. Please RSVP to rectory-office@seas-np.org to let us know **how many children** and the **ages of the children** that will be coming to child care, so that these three professional women know how many children to expect.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, June 12, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, June 11, 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.

Give The Knights Your Cans ... The Knights of Columbus are collecting aluminum cans. The cans will be sold and the profit from recycling the cans will be used for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. You may drop off the cans in the two barrels in front of the storage shed (on the southwest corner of the parking lot). Your cans CAN make a difference!

Meal for New Parents ... a meal schedule has been started for the parents of two new children:

Spencer & Tiffany Hampton, who welcomed Leo Richard on 05-27-17. You can sign up to take them a meal at www.TakeThemAMeal.com (search family name: Hampton, password: 0527). If you prefer to sign up via phone, call Emily Krondak (520-6673). Thanks!

Mary & Curtis Osborn, who welcomed Joseph Daniel Jude on 05-03-17. You can sign up to take them a meal at www.TakeThemAMeal.com (search family name: Osborn, password: 0503). If you prefer to sign up via phone, call Emily Krondak (520-6673). Thanks!

Sacrifice: The Language of Love ... "Sacrifice is the language of love. And in sacrifice, we speak the language of God himself. I am calling you, dear brothers and sisters, to encounter Christ in your love for one another. I am calling you to rich and abundant family life. I am calling you to rejoice in the love and the sacrifice for which you were made. I am calling your family to share in the creative, active love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." *Bishop James Conley*

Potluck Dinner ... In honor of Father Seiker serving St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for the last 10 years, there will be a **potluck dinner after the 10:00am Mass on June 25, 2017.** Bring your favorite dish and join the celebration.

Pentecost Voice ... The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, President Emeritus of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."

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).

The results thus far are: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton goal is **\$7,820.00!** The pledges so far total \$15,295.00, and \$8,155.00 has already been paid. There were 22 persons who pledged more in 2017 than in 2016 for a total of \$4,440.00 MORE! There were 10 persons who gave less in 2017 than in 2016, for a total of \$1,600.00 less. There were 53 persons who gave the same that they gave last year for a total of \$3,855.00. May the Lord reward you for your contributions, & for giving what you have to Him. **There are still 20 cards out! If you haven't made your pledge, please do so when called on. Please remember to be faithful to your pledges!**

THE APATHY OF HUMAN BEINGS ... Helen Keller once noted that "science may have found a cure for most evils, but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all--the apathy of human beings." It is this apathy on the part of so many Americans, their failure, for example, to use their right to vote to change the status quo in regards to abortion or their lack of reliance on the gifts of the Holy Spirit to defend the right to life that has contributed to the loss of 1.5 million human lives per year since the Supreme Court mandated abortion on demand for the United States in its 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

DRESS CODE / FASHIONS ... Our Lady of Fatima said to Jacinta in 1917: "Fashions will much offend Our Lord." People who serve God should not follow the fashions. All adults and children, PLEASE be modest in your dress. For women and girls, this means no tank tops, exposed midriffs, short skirts, mini-skirts, shorts or tight fitting clothes. Dresses should be decent in length and at the neckline, with short or long sleeves. Men should wear shirts with short or long sleeves and no shorts. Please dress modestly.

2nd 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.

NEBRASKAland Days Field Mass ... will be held on **Sunday June 18, 2017, at 8:15am**. The beautiful outdoor setting is located just East of the Vo-Tech campus on Halligan Drive. Some seating is available, but you may also bring lawn chairs. Sponsored by Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

TOTUS TUUS (A Summer Catechetical Program)

... A Totus Tuus team has been scheduled to come to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church from **July 9 – 14, 2017**. This has been a very good program for our parish. Please mark your calendars and encourage youth to attend.

Please fill out a Registration Form (*available in the Narthex or on the Parish webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/> and return it* [through the mail or in the collection]). *The cost is \$15.00 per child or \$40.00 for three or more family members.*

*This year's Theme is The Mystery of Salvation, and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. **Grades 1-8 meet Mon.-Fri. 9:00am - 3:00pm.** The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. Participants in the grade school program should bring a sack lunch and recess equipment. **Grades 9-12 meet Sun.-Thu., 8:00pm-10:00pm.***

TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN!!! The youthfulness and energy of the team is contagious, come out and join us!!! All are invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The Diocesan Coordinators & Team encourage those in Grades 7-8 to attend the day sessions rather than the High School sessions.

Totus Tuus Meal Volunteers ... If you would like to host the Totus Tuus team (2 men and 2 women) for dinner or provide sack lunches for them during the week of July 9th to the 14th please contact Emily Krondak at 520-6673 or emilykrondak@msn.com, or sign up on the sheet at the Bulletin Board Counter in the Narthex.

Totus Tuus Housing Volunteers ... If you would like to have the Totus Tuus team (2 men or 2 women) stay at your home Saturday – Friday during the week of July 8th to the 14th please contact Tracy Ryland at 520-0667 or redryland5@yahoo.com.

Behold Your Mother ... a presentation with Tim Staples is being hosted by Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln on **Wednesday, July 19th at 7:00pm**.

At Behold Your Mother, Tim will speak of the many layers of meaning to the powerful words of our Lord from the cross when he said to St. John, in the place of all of us, standing at the foot of the cross with the Mother of God, "Behold: your mother!" He will take us toward an examination of how we not only need the gift of Mary – the perfect mother and disciple – for our spiritual lives, but that we need each other as members of the body of Christ. Get ready for quite a ride in this talk that takes you from Mary to the communion of saints and into eternity!"

In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance to the children in Fatima, Spirit Catholic Radio is hosting Tim Staples of Catholic Answers to share with us his exploration of Mary, Her role in the Church, and how this affects us today.

Also ... Norfolk - July 20 - 7:00pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Parish Council Meeting ... Tue June 13, 7:00pm, Rectory Conference Room. (Members: Jerry Beckius, Shane Lowrey, Philip Heimann, Jim Nisley. Trustees: Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen).

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Fr. Seiker on Retreat ... I will be gone from the Parish **THIS WEEK**, Sunday to Thursday (**June 4 – 8**) for my annual retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House (the Retreat is from Sunday evening – Thursday evening).

Thank You to our CCD Teachers ... We wish to thank the following teachers for giving of their time to help us with the CCD program this school year. Without their dedication we couldn't have our program! Thank You! Jennifer Bantam (K-1), Teri Volesky (2), Mike Krondak (3-4), Bridget Mohr and Heather Johnsen (5-6), Shane Lowrey (7-8), Justin Pieper (9-12). Substitute: Joanie Grunden.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., June 10, 5:00pm	Sun., June 11, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Rex Walz	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Kevin Bantam
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Rex & Kristie Walz	Justin & Hanna Pieper
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Duane Johnsen
	Sharon Beckius	Heather Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Tb 1:3; 2:1-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3-6; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11, 16-17; Ps 25:2-5, 6, 7-9; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1-2, 6-10; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday:	Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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

Birthdays: 6/5 - Tim Behm, 6/11 - Roger Morlang.

Congratulations: to **Matt & Ashley Perlinger** who celebrate their **1st Wedding Anniversary June 11.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Today, the languages of the whole world arise to God in a Pentecost of praise. In some American dioceses, the Mass is offered every Sunday in more than thirty different languages, including the silent praise of American Sign Language. Fifty years ago, the landscape of liturgy was very different. It was grounded firmly in Latin, which is to the present day still the official language of the Roman Rite. Very few people were fluent in Latin, even though in those days Latin was far more widely studied in school. Nevertheless, almost every Catholic was competent in the responses and chants of Latin since it is not difficult to pronounce. The clergy were normally minimally competent in Latin, since much of seminary education was conducted in that language.

When the Second Vatican Council was convened, all of the debate and daily work of the council was to be in Latin. In the first session in 1962, Boston's Cardinal Richard Cushing continually complained about it, and threatened not to return in 1963 if something wasn't done. He convinced the fathers when he rose to speak in fairly fluent Latin in an unforgettable Boston twang. The next year, he returned, but with a simultaneous translation system funded by the people of Boston. The ordinary everyday language of the people, the vernacular, had arrived at the Vatican via Boston! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT ... Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" (Psalm 104:30). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ... Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

MISSION ... Christ sent me to preach the gospel and he will look after the results. —Mary Slessor

THE GIFT ... Ask nothing of God, then, but this gift of divine Love, that is, the Holy Spirit. —Walter Hilton

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 (June):

National Leaders: That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.