

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent* *April 7, 2019*

***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. 8	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Apr. 9	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Wednesday	Apr. 10	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>		
Thursday	Apr. 11	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Apr. 12	<b>12:10 p.m.</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Apr. 13	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Apr. 14	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

**INTENTIONS**

Book of Memories / Blessings  
 Vince & Loretta Pilakowski +  
 Elli Fugate  
 Bernadine Torres +  
 Martha Burbach +  
 Peggy Fleecs +  
 \* Exposition / Stations / Benediction \*  
 Increased Devotion to Immaculate Heart  
 People of Our Parish

*I consider everything  
 as a loss because of  
 the supreme good of  
 knowing Christ Jesus  
 my Lord.*  
 — Philipians 3:8

**Stewardship: March 31, 2019**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,987.00  
**Loose Plate:**.....\$164.65  
**Children:**.....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** 0.....\$0.00  
**Total:** ..... \$2,151.65

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$0.00  
**Total Gifts Received:.....\$806,443.05**  
 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:.....\$1,626,980.04  
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$133,871.31

**Flood Victims:** .....\$100.00  
 CombinedCollectionNon-Specified: \$260.00  
 American Bishops Overseas:.....\$58.00  
 Black & Indian Collection: .....\$48.00  
 Catholic Communication: .....\$113.00  
 Catholic Home Missions: .....\$38.00  
 Catholic University: .....\$48.00  
 Retired Religious:.....\$168.00

**Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Apr. 7	11:00am CCD CLASSES	<b>11:30am Daughters of Charity Meeting</b>
Monday	Apr. 8	<b>6:00pm</b> Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall.	
		<b>7:00pm No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.</b>	
Wednesday	Apr. 10	6:00-10:00pm=Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm RCIA Class
Thursday	Apr. 11	12:30pm = Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall Classroom)	<b>7:00pm No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.</b>
Sunday	Apr. 14	11:00am CCD CLASSES	<b>11:00am Knights of Columbus Breakfast</b>

**Catholic School News:**

**A Reminder to all Currently Enrolled Families!:** Please take time to log in to Sycamore and Re-Enroll your students for the 2019-2020 School Year. Once you have logged in please go to My School; Enrollment; Online Portal. This is also where you can add students if you have new preschooler to add to NPCSS classes for next year. Need help with Sycamore: contact Jennifer Winder [j.winder@npcsschools.org](mailto:j.winder@npcsschools.org).

**Upcoming Events:** Tue 4/9 - Talent Show 7:00pm, Dine OUT at McDonalds (Dewey street location only); Wed 4/10 - 10am JH Track @ Hershey; Thu 4/11 - 10am Golf @ Hershey; Fri 4/12 - District Music Contest @ Hershey, SPIRIT-wear Day; Sat 4/13 - ACT TestDate, 10am Track @ Sutherland; Sun 4/14-Palm Sunday, Mon 4/15 - 8:05am Student Council Officer Elections; Tue 4/16 - 10am Stations of the Cross, 10am Golf @ Perkins Co; Wed 4/17 - 10am TR@ Arapahoe, 10am JH Track at Sutherland; Thu 4/18 - Holy Thursday, 10am Track @ Hershey; Fri 4/19 - No School Good Friday (School Resumes on 4/25); Enjoy the extended Easter Break and please pray for our Teachers who are headed to NCEA in Chicago.

**'KISS' a Senior Goodbye - Fundraiser for Flood Relief....:** Here's your chance to appreciate our Seniors before they graduate. \$5 allows you to purchase a treat bag of Kisses with a personalized message from you! These are great purchases for Little Bros/Sisters, Prayer Partners, McDaid Aides, etc. Print your own gift tag from Sycamore to personalize (handwritten or typed) and return to the front office at either McDaid or St. Patrick's. Seniors will receive their special message with treats on Mon - 4/29. Please get your message and payment to us by Thu - 4/25. This event is sponsored by St. Patrick's Student Council. Proceeds will be put towards flood relief victims.

**The IRISH have TALENT!:** The public is invited and encouraged to attend the first ever *St. Pat's Has Talent Show* held, Tue-4/9 7:00pm in St. Pat gym. The price of admission is only \$3 & you will get to see St. Pat students show their talents. First place prize=\$500, second place=\$200 & third place=\$100. Student Council could not put on this event without the help of our sponsors & would like to thank the following:

Dr. Kim & Nancy Baxter, Adams & Swanson Funeral Home, Lindemeier Law Office, Ron & Deb Axtell, Pepper & Kathy Dotson, Bart & Kim Schroll, Nebraska National Bank, David Cain Insurance Agency, Team Perlinger & Jett-Great Plains Realty, Grease Monkey.

**Congratulations to The IRISH ELITE Jazz Band** for winning the Conference Trophy for Best Jazz Ensemble at SPVA Music. (A first time for the IRISH since the awards inception in 1973.) Brass: Jarrett Miles, Samuel Dekleva, Genna Blakely, Jonathan Dekleva, Andrew Brosius, Kai Brown, Seth Engler Rhythm Section: Jackson lake, Sam Troshynski, James Heirigs, Will Moats, Charlie Gale, Ashton Guo Sax Section: Cassie Brown, Ashtyn Winder, Helana Pettit, Patrick O'Neill, Nathan Moats, Gage McQuade

**DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST** is in Hershey on 4/12! Come Support Our IRISH Musicians. District Music Contest is free and open to the public. See Sycamore for the full Schedule!

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

**Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:** will be **Sunday, Apr. 7, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Apr. 8, 6:00pm,** Parish Hall. *Notice Adjusted Time.* All Knights invited to attend.

**Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Apr 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 Missalettes.

**LDCCW Spring Full Board Meeting** ... of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) is April 13, at St. Mary, Aurora, beginning with 'Mary's Way of the Cross' at 8:30am. All women in Lincoln Diocese are members of LDCCW and encouraged to attend. Please email [ldccwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ldccwpresident@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

**Couples Day Long Retreat ...** There will be a Day Long Retreat for couples experiencing primary or secondary infertility held in Lincoln on May 5th from 9:00am-3:30pm, led by Fr. Tim Danek with other guest speakers. Cost is \$40 and includes Mass and brunch. Sign up/more info at: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/infertility-retreat>

**Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat ...** Meet someone with the Gift of Healing and conclude your Lent with a Palm Sunday weekend retreat April 12-14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. April 12-14, Bishop Ronald Gilmore, bishop emeritus of Dodge City, KS; and Jacqueline Loh of "Grace that Reigns", will lead retreatants to understand of how God works in their lives, and experience spiritual, mental, and physical healing. See [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or call 402-786-2705.

**Value of the Human Person ...** Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question [of abortion]. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or "modernizations". It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life. On the other hand, it is also true that we have done little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish, especially when the life developing within them is the result of rape or a situation of extreme poverty. Who can remain unmoved before such painful situations? - Pope Benedict, Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, Paragraph 214, November 26, 2013

**No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion ...** parishioners are encouraged to join a Study by Dr. Edward Sri in Parish Hall on various evenings. Study Guides available=Parish Office.

	<b>7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm</b>	7:00pm	7:00pm
#5	<b>The Seven Last Words:</b> Jesus the Teacher at Calvary	<u>Monday</u> Apr 8	<u>Thursday</u> Apr 11
Will Not Meet in Holy Week (April 14 – 20)			
#6	<b>Bonus Video:</b> The Resurrection	<u>Tuesday</u> Apr 23	<u>Thursday</u> Apr 25

**Southern Nebraska Register ...** subscription rate: \$15 for one year. Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Thank you!

**CHRISM MASS ...** On Monday, 4/15/19, the Mass for the Blessing of the Holy Oils (the Chrism Mass), will be prayed in the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln at 5:00pm. At this Mass, over 100 priests will be concelebrating with the Bishop to show the unity of the Church in our own Diocese. All are welcome to attend!

**RICE BOWL OFFERINGS ...** The Church instructs us to bring gifts for the poor in the offertory on Holy Thursday. That would be a very fitting time to bring your Rice Bowl contributions (the fruits of your Lenten fasting & sacrifices) to Church & put in the collection.

**ADORATION on Holy Thursday ...** After the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), parishioners are asked to spend one hour in adoration: A-H (10-11), I-P (11-12), Q-Z (9-10). 19

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION ...** On Good Friday, the collection will be for the Holy Land. This money is used to maintain the Catholic shrines in the Holy land, to alleviate suffering there among the Christian population & to help retain a Catholic presence in the place where Christ redeemed the world.

**COME TO THE EASTER VIGIL ...** In order to fully appreciate the beauty and the mystery of the Easter Vigil, it must begin after dark! This is one of the most impressive and beautiful Masses of the whole Church year. Experience it this year!

**Looking Back and Moving Forward ....**

On Sunday, March 24, 1996 the First Sunday Mass was prayed in our new Parish Hall! The Dedication of Parish Hall by Bishop Fabian Bruskevitz was Sun., June 2, 1996. During that Mass, Bishop Bruskevitz confirmed 15 of our students.

We had our second Parish Mission from Monday, April 8 – Thursday, April 11. Fr. Brethour wrote in the April 8, 1996 Bulletin: "Please invite a friend to attend with you! We all deserve a parish mission. We all need it. Pope John Paul II says a parish mission is an irreplaceable good. The Parish Mission will be preached by Fr. Charles Mangan, vice-chancellor, Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is an excellent preacher."

In the May 19, 1996 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: "Because we are a new parish we designed this facility to be a multipurpose building to serve our needs for religious education, Mass and fellowship. In the very near future, the chairs that we ordered should be here. When they arrive, we will remove the back pews that have the open back and replace them with the chairs. This will give us the option of bringing out tables (also ordered) and putting the chairs around them for coffee and rolls, meetings, etc. The dark oak pews (with the full back) will remain at the front of the parish hall. I know that many of us like the present arrangement with all pews. However, it does not give us the needed versatility. When we first started this project, our Diocesan Building Commission was very insightful, when they said to build a parish hall, not a church, because we have so many diverse needs right now. So with the arrival of the chairs we get the best of both worlds, pews with kneelers for those who have trouble kneeling, and chairs to use for Mass, and social activities. In the near future (we do not have a firm date), Brown Construction will be back to finish the tabernacle enclosure on the back side. Then we can start to arrange the adoration chapel." [This was a great invention by Fr. Brethour, the Tabernacle was placed on a "lazy susan" table, so that it could be turned to be in the Parish Hall and then turned to be in the Adoration Chapel when the Hall was being used as a Hall and not as a Church. It served us very well for 15 years!]

**FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**Results of the Parish Council Elections ...**

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Parish Council: **Spencer Hampton** and **Marcie Minchow**. Thank you to all those whose names were on the ballot and to those who voted. Thank you to Philip Heimann and Jim Nisley, who have completed their terms on the Parish Council. I appreciate each of the persons who have served on the parish council, & the gift of time & effort to the Parish through their time given to Council & the many extra ways they shared their talents.

**Parish Coordinator: CCD, Music, Webpage ...**

Ashley Perlinger has been hired as a part-time Parish Coordinator to work with CCD, Music, Webpage, and other miscellaneous things in the Parish. She will be working a variety of days each week, some in the Office, and some from her home. Ashley and her husband Matt have been coming to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for 2½ years. For some weeks Ashley has been discussing accepting this position.

**New Secretary / Bookkeeper ...**

a week ago, our current part-time Secretary Marcise Albrecht, told me that she has some other obligations that are requiring more time, and she will not be able to continue as our part-time Secretary/Bookkeeper. Ashley has agreed to move into the position of part-time Secretary / Bookkeeper in addition to Coordinator with CCD, Music, and webpage development.

**Scheduled Times for Confession are:**

- Sunday April 14, **3:00pm**, St. Patrick (3 NP parishes=4+Priests)
  - Sunday April 14, 7:00pm, St. Patrick, **McCook** (5 Priests)
  - Wed., April 17, **4:30pm-5:25pm**, St. Elizabeth
  - Wed., April 17, **7:00pm-8:00pm**, St. Elizabeth (2 Priests)
- If these times don't fit your schedule, make an appointment to have your confession heard in the Rectory. **Be Forgiveness!**

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Apr. 13, 5:00pm	Sun., Apr. 14, 10:00am
Reader/Spk	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Narrator	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Ed Rieker, Loren Baxa	Mike & Emily Krondak
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Rosary		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56

**Prayers for the sick:** Flood Victims, Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Jon Walz, Parishioner's friend's daughter (Sarah; severe headaches & medical issues), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Parishioners seeking adoption of a child, Dave Hoedel (Reiny Burbach's son-in-law), Mary Lou Robles & Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sisters), Renate Nordquist, Sharon Beckius, Mike & Kim Paul, Jim Beckius.

**Prayers for the deceased:** Fr. Brad Zitek, Eileen Boltz, Peggy Fleecs, Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), Leona Clouatre, Virginia Waechter (Peggy Orr's mother), Mary Jane Vitt (Chris Behm's mother), Bob "Junior" Barron (Toni Barron's brother), Bernadine Torres, Father Jim Novakowski, Martha Burbach, Jerry Kenny (Charles/Toni Barron's son-in-law), Bernadine Duryea, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

**Birthdays:** 4/10-Laura Dickinson, Teresa Niesen, 4/11- Mike Mohr, 4/12- Kay Cooper, 4/14- Gianna Pieper.

**Congratulations:** to Charles & Toni Barron, who celebrate their 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary April 11.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion? —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**GOD'S ACTIONS NOW ...** When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**SURE CURE ...** The only cure for sorrow is to kill it with patience. —Irish Proverb

**GOOD INFORMATION ...** Our judgments are only as good as our information. —Anonymous

**BEST INVENTIONS ...** I am proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill. —Thomas Edison

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Daniel Joseph St. Hilaire, from Assumption Parish, Dwight. He entered the Seminary in 2017. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

**Pray for our Religious Sisters:** School Sisters of Christ the King, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, Sisters at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Pink Sisters, Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ... (April)**

**Universal** - For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.