

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*** ***May 5, 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	May 6	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	May 7	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Wednesday	May 8	
Thursday	May 9	
Friday	May 10	
Saturday	May 11	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	May 12	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

Don Benben
Jack Sexton +
- No Scheduled Parish Mass -
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People of Our Parish
Virginia Marie Waechter +

**The Blessed Sacrament will NOT be exposed this week!**

***“Worthy is the Lamb  
that was slain  
to receive power and riches,  
wisdom and strength, honor  
and glory and blessing.”***  
— Revelation 5:12

## **Stewardship: April 28, 2019**

<b>Adult Envelopes:</b> .....	\$1,409.00
<b>Loose Plate:</b> .....	\$163.10
<b>Children:</b> .....	\$0.00
<b>Holy Day:</b> (Easter) .....	\$20.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	\$1,592.10

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week: .....	\$0.00
<b>Total Gifts Received: .....</b>	<b>\$809,348.05</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: .....	\$1,626,980.04
Balance on DIAL LOAN: .....	\$133,871.31

## **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	May 5	<b>11:00am</b> CCD Classes; <b>11:30am</b> Daughters of Charity Meeting <b>1:30pm</b> St. Pat's High School Graduation, St. Patrick School
Wednesday	May 8	<b>6:00-10:00pm</b> =Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday	May 9	<b>12:30pm</b> = Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall Classroom
Sunday	May 12	<b>11:00am</b> = KC Breakfast; CCD Classes.

## **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 NPC's classes for next year. Need help with Sycamore: contact Jennifer Winder [j.winder@npcschools.org](mailto:j.winder@npcschools.org).

**Job opportunities at St. Pat's Jr/Sr High School!:** 7-12 Math; Girls 7-12 PE/Health; Head volleyball coach.

Interested candidates can contact Superintendent Kevin Dodson: [k.dodson@npcschools.org](mailto:k.dodson@npcschools.org), 308-532-1874 for more information.

**Upcoming Events:** 5/5 – 1:30pm SPSHS Graduation @ St. Patrick Church; 5/6 – 9:30am Golf @ Cozad; 5/7 – 10am May Crowning @ St. Patrick; 6:30pm Elementary Program; 5/8 – District Track; 5/9 – 4:00pm Golf Tri @ Rivers Edge; 5/10 – McDaid Field Day; 5/12 – Mother's Day; 5/13 – District Golf; 5/16 – Last Day of School.

**X-PLORE REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!** Xplore is our Summer Enrichment Opportunity for students currently in Grades 2-6; held on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Each Day will begin at 9:00am and end at Noon. Classes will meet at McDaid Elementary. Fill out the Registration Form and return to McDaid with the registration fee. Cost is \$65 per student. T-Shirts are available for an additional \$15.

**Class Options for Level One Students (grades 2-3) - Kids Cuisine; Sports; Let's Get Messy; Wild About Fishing**

**Class Options for Level Two Students (grades 4-6) - Art; Robotics; Sports Camp; and River Rats.**

See Form on Sycamore, School Website or Facebook for details on classes & teachers. Checks payable: North Platte Catholic Schools.

### North Platte Catholic School:

***Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future***

**Catholic Daughters Meeting** ... will meet May 6. Regular meeting will start at 7:00pm, 6:45p=we will recite the rosary. Meeting at St Patrick Church in Mary/Martha room in spiritual Life Center. All Catholic women are invited to join us.

## **Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:**

will be **Sunday, May 5, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

**Parish Council Meeting** ... Mon May 6, 7:00pm, Rectory Conference Room. (Members: Ken Bjornstad, Diane Gregg, Spencer Hampton, Marcie Minchow. Trustees: Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen).

**Breakfast by Knights of Columbus** ... **Sunday, May 12**, 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.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** ... Mon, May 13, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**The Movie "UNPLANNED"** ... is the inspiring true story of a woman's journey of transformation. What she saw changed everything. Showing at the **Arnold, NE Rialto theater** on: Sunday, May 19; Wed., May 22; Sun., May 26; Wed., May 29; Sun., June 2; Wed., June 5. This movie is sponsored by Beshaler Family Farms, LLC.

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

**Eucharistic Adoration with Global Living Rosary** ... at **Haymarket Park** in Lincoln on **May 5, 7:00pm!** Please come & join the Lincoln Catholic Diocese in a gigantic public display of devotion & love of our faith! Parish & private tailgating is highly recommended & available all day in the parking lot. Bishop Conley's Eucharistic Procession into the stadium begins at 7:00pm, followed by a large living rosary and Adoration. Everything happens inside the stadium on the baseball field! Stadium seating available for first 4,000 in attendance. Berm & Home Run Terrace seating available for next 4,000. Hope to see everyone there.

## **Charity & Stewardship Appeal CSA 2019 (DDP)...**

on May 4-5, you will be asked to stop in the Narthex after Mass to make your pledge for The Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2019). The goal for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is **\$9,010.00**. These funds will be used for various programs funded by the Charity & Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2019).

Since we support a Catholic Grade School & High School, **80% of our goal & everything over our goal comes back to us, 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 & ministries that provide services 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 & join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education.

Over the last 25 years, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has greatly benefited from The Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA): we have borrowed \$436,457.04 for Parish Hall, Rectory, & Farm. We borrowed \$1,485,000 for the new Church at very low interest rates. We have paid off loans for Parish Hall, Rectory, & "Farm". We still owe \$133,871.31 on Church loan. Though many parishioners have made significant contributions to Joy of the Gospel Campaign through pledges & other gifts, we need to continue to make a gift to CSA 2019 at a similar level as in previous years, & also use regular Sunday envelopes!

**Pro-Peace and Pro-Life ...** *"On receiving the Nobel Prize for Peace, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta had the courage to say to the leaders of political communities: 'If we let a mother kill the fruit of her womb, what is left to us? It is the principle of abortion that endangers peace in the world'. It is true! There can be no true peace without respect for life, especially if it is innocent and defenseless as is that of the unborn child. Elementary coherence requires those who seek peace to safeguard life. No pro-peace activity can be effective unless attacks on life at all its stages, from conception until natural death, are as energetically opposed."* (St. John Paul II To Members Of The Italian Pro-Life Movement, 22 May 2003)

**Healing the Whole Person ...** Jesus responds today to brokenness, disease and pain with transformative love and restoration. Through three days of teaching, worship, prayers and testimony, you'll encounter God in a powerful way, and experience deeper freedom as the Father speaks to you in the depths of your heart, and through the supernatural graces of the sacraments. Whether you're struggling with life, or you just want "more" in your walk with God, this conference will empower you with tools, revelations, and a greater desire to live your life passionately on fire to God. Grounded in Church teaching, you'll engage in topics of "Facing our Brokenness," "Encountering the Father's Love," and "Living in Freedom." **St. Peter Church, Lincoln, is hosting a Healing the Whole Person retreat led by the John Paul II Healing Center on July 11-13, 2019.** Register at: [www.JPIIHealingCenter.org](http://www.JPIIHealingCenter.org). Early registration ends April 29. For scholarships, student missionary discounts email [LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com).

**Day of Equipping ...** Do you desire to be equipped to live in the fullness that Christ intended for each of His followers? If so, this Day of Equipping, led by Bart Schuchts of John Paul II Healing Center, is for you! During this training, you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice & becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire the Holy Spirit operating in your life, please attend. This Day of Equipping takes place at St. Peter Church in Lincoln NE on Friday, July 12, 2019. Register at: [www.JPIIHealingCenter.org](http://www.JPIIHealingCenter.org). Early registration ends on April 29. For scholarships, student, missionary discounts, email [LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com).

## **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**Fr. Seiker on Pilgrimage ...** I will be going on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Steve & Janet Ray from [May 8-17, 2019](http://www.May8-17.com). I will leave on Tue., May 7 & return Saturday, May 18. I will remember you in prayer throughout the Pilgrimage. Please remember me & other pilgrims in prayer also. I will pray for you in the Holy Land. Msgr. Adrian Herbek will be here for Sat/Sunday Confessions and Masses on May 11-12.

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

During November 1996, a number of men from the parish built the storage shed (on the Southeast corner of the Parking Lot) that is still being used today. They pulled nails out of old lumber and used shared their carpentry skills. Fr. Brethour wrote: *"This storage building is a great example of the resourcefulness, perseverance, and the willingness to serve that is a part of our parish. Inspiring! Thank you!"*

On Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997 (feast day of our patron saint, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton), the parish celebrated by having a soup supper and card games night following the 6:00pm evening Mass.

In February 2, 1997 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote *"The dirt piles to the south of our parish hall is soil that was given to us. We will level it out, plant some type of cover vegetation on it, and wait for the day when we will use it - when we build the Church and rectory. Rough estimate: \$5,000 to \$6,000 worth of material has been hauled in for free!! God continues to bless us."*

In January 1997, Fr. Joe Walsh and Dr. Kathy Benes (both from Catholic Social Services) came to our Parish to work with our Parish Council to formulate a set of values and goals and a mission statement. The following mission statement was the fruit of their discussions: *"We, the parish council of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, strive to do God's work by assisting our pastor through prayer, communication, action, and example, to please God."* In the March 16, 1997 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: *"Thank you to the following parishioners who participated in the process of discussion and prayer to formulate our Parish Mission Statement: Tom Allberry, Charles Barron, Jim Boots, Reiny Burbach, Dolly Frazier, Tom Karel, Don Kellogg, Bob Miller, Paul Nordquist, Dan O'Brien, Gary Ryland, Lauri Stadler, Betty Steffes, Mary Siebert. The discussions and this statement emphasized your wonderful commitment to Catholic education and love for Our Eucharistic Lord Jesus. It is interesting to note that these were the hallmarks of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's life. It is no mistake that she is our patron saint! Our parish Mission Statement: 'Our mission as a Catholic parish family is to honor Our Eucharistic Lord Jesus through prayer, education, and service to others as exemplified by our patroness, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.'"*

In March 1997, five Parishioners: Peggy Thuman, Joan Ryland, Kwei Kucera, Kim Clouatre, and Fran Ranck volunteered to be Parish Nurses and to offer free monthly blood pressure screenings, starting April 19-20 after each Mass.

During Lent, members of our parish participated in a 6 lesson Bible Study entitled: The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus. Msgr. John McCabe, (pastor of St. Cecilia, Hastings) preached a Parish Mission. Talks were: The apparitions at Fatima and sin and mortification; Our Lady of Fatima and the Angels; Our Lady of Fatima and Prayer; Our Lady of Fatima and the Eucharist. Msgr. McCabe gave our Parish a beautiful monstrance, which Fr. Brethour wrote is: "permanently on loan to our parish until we would get our own. (We do have a small monstrance of our own, but not nearly as nice as the one now on permanent loan to us.)"

On April 27, 1997, our parish sponsored a Mother Daughter Program coordinated by Laurie Stadler. In June 1997, parishioners were encouraged to "show your pride and support for our St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish by purchasing a license plate frame. Available in black with white letters, or white with black letters for \$5.00 each.

From April - July 1997, money donated to the Change Jar was designed to purchase enough walking sprinklers and hoses to water the lawn around the parish hall. Cost is about \$600. (Paul Nordquist donated pipe & sprinklers in summer of 1996). The thought was that by switching to the hoses, one person could move the hoses without a strained back. In late August, we interviewed and received bids from three local sprinkler system companies. North Platte Lawn Irrigation had low bid of \$3,400.00. Fr. Brethour received a \$2,000.00 donation from an old friend of the parish, & thus our parish contracted with N.P. Lawn Irrigation to put in an underground sprinkler system to water the grass around the parish hall.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, 1997, we held a Parish Ice Cream Social. Parishioners were encouraged to save your coffee cans. They used small cans that fit inside the larger cans. The kids rolled them on the sidewalk or parking lot to make ice cream!

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., May 11, 5:00pm	Sun., May 12, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Peggy Orr
<b>Gifts</b>	Jerry & Sharon Beckius	Ryan & Kate Wartman
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Shane Lowrey
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

**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:** Carlos Fleury (Steve/Janet Fear's son-in-law), Ruby Ramirez (Toni Barron's sister), JoAnn Bode Waters (John Bode's sister), Fr. Paul Rutten, 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, Bernadine Duryea, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

**Birthdays:** 5/4 - Kathy Burr, 5/7 - Beatrice Estrada, 5/10 - Loren Baxa.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday "blackouts," perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**LIFELONG SERVICE ...** "I am going fishing." What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess "Grandpa" or "Uncle Fred," or admit, "I said that last summer!" But it is a Bible quote, from today's Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Yes, it's Peter! So today's announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper, "Lord, you know that I love you," and Peter's apostolic calling clearer, "Tend my sheep." Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, "We must obey God rather than men." As Revelation proclaims, "Worthy is the Lamb"—to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**WORDS AND DEEDS ...** When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us. —Second-century Christian

**TALENT ...** Talent is wanting something bad enough to work for it. —Anonymous

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Dominic Ian Winter, from St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln and St. Mary Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

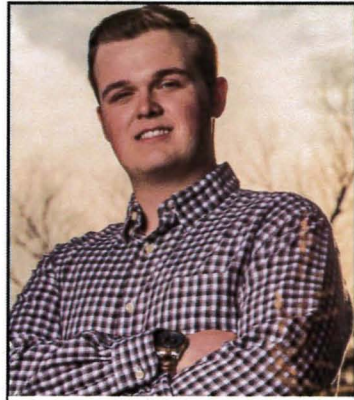
**Pray for our Religious Sisters:** School Sisters of Christ the King, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, Sisters at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Pink Sisters, Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

## **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ... (May)**

**Evangelization** - That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



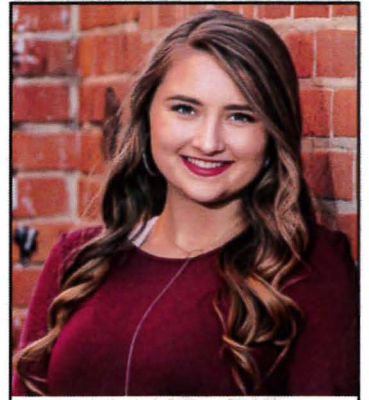
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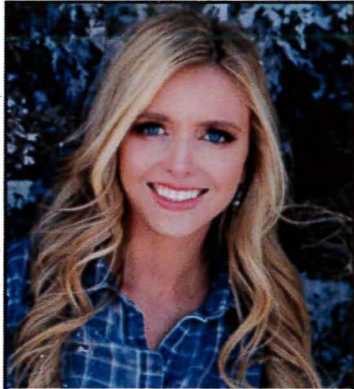


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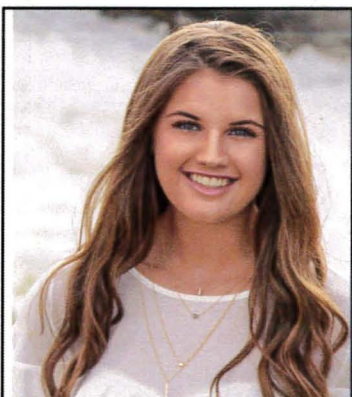
"I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9



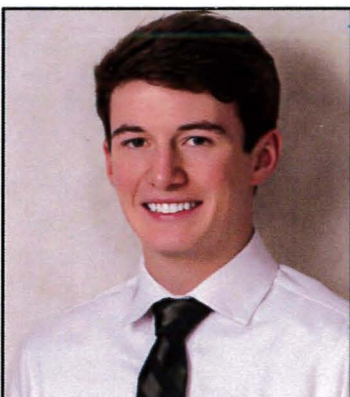
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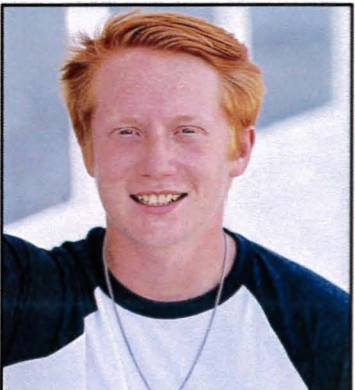
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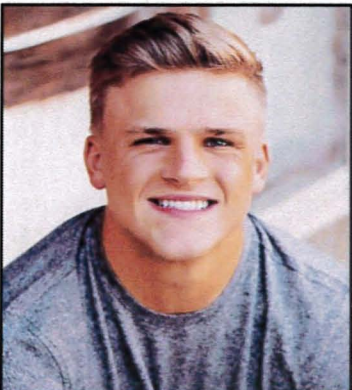
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