

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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4th Sunday of Easter *May 12, 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

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 13
 Tuesday May 14
 Wednesday May 15
The Blessed Sacrament will NOT be exposed this week!
 Thursday May 16
 Friday May 17
 Saturday May 18 **5:00 p.m.**
 Sunday May 19 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

- No Scheduled Parish Mass -
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 People of Our Parish
 John Rieker

“I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”
 — Acts 13:47b

Stewardship: May 5, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$2,524.45
Loose Plate:\$207.00
Children:\$12.14
Holy Day: (Easter)..... \$40.00
Total: \$2,783.59

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:\$809,348.05
 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

Holy Land:\$25.00
 Rice Bowl:\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday May 12 **11:00am** = KC Breakfast; CCD Classes
 Monday May 13 **7:00pm** = Knights of Columbus Meeting
 Thursday May 16 **12:30pm** = Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall Classroom
 Sunday May 19 **11:00am** = Last CCD Classes

Catholic School News:

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! From us at North Platte Catholic Schools
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 NPCCS classes for next year. Need help with Sycamore: contact Jennifer Winder j.winder@npcschools.org.

Little Leprechaun Preschool ... will be holding an Open House on Monday, May 13th!! You are invited to join us to learn more about what LLP has to offer your family. Open House will be held from 9:00am – 1:00pm on Monday. Come bring your preschooler to meet the Teacher and view the classrooms.

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, 308-532-1874 for more information.

Upcoming Events: 5/12 – Mother's Day; 5/13 –9:00am District Golf; 5/16 – Last Day of School, 5/17-18 – NSAA State Track, 5/21-22 – NSAA Golf; 5/30 – Ascension Thursday.

X-PLORE REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! Xplore is our Summer Enrichment Opportunity for students currently in Grades 2-6; held on Monday June 3rd - Friday, June 7th. 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

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; Proceeds to purchase 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 sponsored by Beshaler Family Farms, LLC.

Seeking Healing and Hope After Divorce ... Are you seeking healing and hope from experiencing a Divorce? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The **Surviving Divorce** program is a 12 week video series & facilitator led program. It begins on **June 3, 2019, 7-9pm**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the **Surviving Divorce** personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small & may register by contacting Family Life Office (402-473-0620), catholicflo@cdolinc.net

Lord Teach Me To Pray ... Deepen Your Prayer Life; Help Others Do The Same! Are you a woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small groups? On **Saturday, June 15, 2019** at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln NE there will be a Facilitator **Training-Retreat** for the “Lord Teach Me To Pray” (LTMTPr) Ignatian prayer series. There is no charge for the retreat or materials. Come & discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the “Lord, Teach Me To Pray” prayer series, you are also invited! For info and registration please go to lordteachmetoprayer.com click on Training-Retreats, scroll down to Lincoln, NE for registration form or call 504-439-5933

Healing Hearts ... a grief ministry providing support for those who have lost a loved one; offering a summer program on 3 Weds, **June 12, 19, 26- 6:30-8:30pm** John XXIII Diocesan Cntr, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Issues discussed: fundamentals of grief, how it effects our relationships & skills necessary to manage grief. Cost:\$15. Register at 402-473-0620.

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

on May 11-12, 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!

The People of Life ... It is wondrous enough that someone rose from the dead by his own power. But the Lord Jesus, in rising from the dead, does not just conquer his death; he conquers ours. He overturns the entire kingdom of death. The entire ministry of the Church is focused on bringing us – and all humanity – the eternal life that flows from Christ and his Resurrection. This is the sense in which he is the Good Shepherd. Not only does he keep us from danger in this life; he shepherds us through death itself to the life that knows no end.

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. Early registration ends April 29. For scholarships, student missionary discounts email 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. Early registration is ended April 29. For scholarships, student, missionary discounts, email LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com.

Thank You to Father Kubat ... The Board of Directors and Staff of Catholic Social Services invite you to an open house to say thank you to Father Kubat for 16 years of service to Catholic Social Services. Open House: May 19 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at Lochland Country Club. Monetary gift can be made in honor of Father Kubat.

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. 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.

Each evening Steve Ray will upload a video of our day's events to www.CatholicConvert.com. Please check out the daily Virtual Pilgrimage videos at so you can share in the pilgrimage with us as we travel.

Looking Back and Moving Forward

In October 1997, the Adult Bible Study began studying a book by Karl Keating entitled: Catholicism and Fundamentalism: The Attack on "Romanism" by "Bible Christians".

Funds from our 2nd annual Pumpkin Festival helped purchase a new copy machine for the Parish, because the old one needed to be replaced.

In November 1997 Jim Dodson made and installed our new Hymn board (*which we are still using in our new Church*). In Nov. 1997, copies of our first Parish Picture Directory were available for parishioners to pick up. George Hipple donated the beautiful photograph of the Archangel windows on the cover.

In the June 29, 1997 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: *"Thank you to our parish council members who came up with the idea of a lighted sign out by Walker Road to advertise our parish. Thank you to Ed Lupomech for taking on this project, and thank you to Reiny Burbach, Felix Clouatre, Ron Jones, and Kyle Troyer for their work erecting the sign. Also please thank Jim Waldschmidt and Bill Burbach from State Farm Insurance for donating the sign frame. I am so proud of our parish and the way we pitch in to help and get things done. God has blessed us. No longer will someone be able to drive by and not know where to find our parish."*

In May of 1998, our Parish was given an extra Monstrance by the Chancery. Since it was extra, our Parish donated it to St. Peter Church in Colihaut, Dominica. We have received a very nice thank you from Sr. Dorothy Cavaness, the parish administrator. They are most grateful!

Fr. Brethour wrote in May 24, 1998 Bulletin: *"A sincere thank you to our CCD teachers for passing on the faith to their students this year. There were 15 students with perfect attendance and 6 with one absence. Also thank you to the parents for making this a priority in your child's life."*

In the August 9, 1998 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: ***"*Final Payment**** has been made on the Parish Hall! Balance = ZERO! Prayer and sacrifice do achieve results. We also made a \$1,000 payment on the rectory loan which is now down to \$45,456.45. Approximately \$40,600 in pledges is still to be paid and will be used to pay off the balance on the rectory. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!"

In the Sept. 23, 1998 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: "Congratulations go out to Sarah Jones and John Swanson on their marriage, August 15, the first marriage ceremony performed in our new parish! We wish them much happiness and a life-long commitment to their new union in Christ's sacrificial love."

Fr. Brethour wrote in the Jan. 3, 1999 Bulletin: "We have a beautiful new 5' wooden statue of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Msgr. Jim Reinert, who is one of our Lincoln Diocesan priests, works for the Vatican at the United Nations in New York. He lives at St. Agnes Church rectory. Six years ago, Dec. 10, 1992, the old St. Agnes Church had a fire that started in the choir loft and spread across the ceiling. The statues survived but the church was a total loss. St. Agnes has since been rebuilt including all new statues. The pastor of St. Agnes gave the old statues to Msgr. Reinert to bring back to Nebraska. We helped pay for the rental truck (\$300). To buy the statue would have been in the neighborhood of \$5,000.00 or more. God has truly blessed us again!"

In the Jan. 24, 1999 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: *"Many have asked about our building plans, especially because our parish hall is now debt free! (Dec. 22, 98 we paid \$3,000.00 on our rectory loan. Rectory loan balance is \$38,956.45!) Because of the "Project 2000 McDaid Catholic Elementary School Campaign", and our own upcoming Lincoln Diocesan campaign [(Crossing the Threshold: the New Millennium Campaign). The goal is to raise \$15 million: \$5 million for our new seminary; \$5 million for our priest retirement fund; \$5 million to endow our Lincoln Diocesan grade schools. Our parish goal will be approx. \$75,000!], we will wait some time before, beginning to make any serious plans to build our Church with attached rectory. We don't want to interfere with these important campaigns.*

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., May 18, 5:00pm	Sun., May 19, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Philip & Kelsey	Jeff & Peggy Orr
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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

Congratulations: to Mike & Kim Paul who celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary May 18.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop. Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days? —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS ... Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MOTHER BLEST ... Though she was the Mother of the Lord, yet she desired to learn the precepts of the Lord, and she who brought forth God, yet desired to know God. —St. Ambrose

MOTHERHOOD ... Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. —Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: Brian Robert Wirth, from St. Mary Parish, Nebraska City, and St. Benedict Parish, Nebraska City. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in Theology 3 at Mount St. Mary 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.