

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*** ***May 19, 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 20 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday May 21 **7:00 a.m.**  
 Wednesday May 22 **5:30 p.m.**  
**6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus**  
 Thursday May 23 8:00 a.m.  
 Friday May 24 **12:10 p.m.**  
 Saturday May 25 **5:00 p.m.**  
 Sunday May 26 **10:00 a.m.**

## INTENTIONS

Edward & Edna Rieker +  
 Liz (Elizabeth) Haag  
 Gilbert & Nadine Rieker +  
 Anna Lee  
 Benjamin Rieker  
 People of Our Parish  
 Eileen Boltz +

***“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 12, 2019**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$920.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$205.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,125

### 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

## **Parish Calendar**

Sunday May 19 **11:00am** = Last CCD Classes  
 Wednesday May 22 **6:00-10:00pm** = Eucharistic Adoration  
 Thursday May 23 **12:30pm** = Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall Classroom

## **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@npcschools.org.

**Job opportunities at St. Pat's Jr/Sr High School!:** 7-8 & 10<sup>th</sup> grade Math; Girls PE/Health; Head & Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach; JH Girls Basketball Assistant; JH Volleyball Assistant. Interested candidates can contact Superintendent Kevin Dodson: k.dodson@npcschools.org.

**Upcoming Events:** 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 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.

**Michaela Giebler - May Student of the Month!** Michaela is in the 8th grade. She is involved in Swing Choir, Band, Volleyball, and Track. She will be participating in Strutters and has consistently been on the Honor Roll! Michaela and her family are members of St. Patrick's where she is involved in Hospitality and Music Ministry. Michaela has three brothers who attend McDaid; Mason 5th, Matthew 2nd and Marcus-Kindergarten. Michaela is the daughter of Michael and Shari Giebler.

**Many thanks** to all who supported the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment on North Platte Giving Day! Your generosity helped us exceed our goal for lighting upgrades in the St. Pat's gym. THANK YOU!!

### North Platte Catholic School:

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

**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 Familiv Farms. LLC.

**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.

**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. Register by contacting Family Life Office (402-473-0620), [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto:catholicflo@cdolinc.net)

**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, 37<sup>th</sup> & Sheridan Blvd. Issues discussed: fundamentals of grief, how it effects our relationships & skills necessary to manage grief. Cost:\$15. Register at 402-473-0620.

## **Pope to Pro-life Movement: Protect Life with Courage!**

... Pope Francis said the following to the Italian Pro-life Movement: "I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, 'Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life'. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man...Every Christian has the responsibility of this witness to the Gospel: to protect life with courage and love in all its phases. I encourage you to do this, always with an attitude of closeness and proximity, so that every woman feels considered as a person, listened to, welcomed and accompanied". (April 11, 2014)

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

Thanks to those who have made their 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). If you have not made your pledge, please do so. 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!

**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 is ends on April 29. For scholarships, student, missionary discounts, email [LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com).

**WE PRAY AT MASS** -- "O My God, in this chalice I place my heart & the heart of \_\_\_\_, to the end & desire that all the prayers & benedictions which are pronounced over the chalice may be pronounced over our hearts & that by the consecration whereby this wine is changed into Thy Precious Blood, our hearts may be changed into perfect love of Thee. Dear Lord, say the transforming word over my soul this morning in all the Masses celebrated throughout the whole world until the end of time, as You say it over the bread & wine. See my heart & the hearts of all I love on the paten there awaiting Your creative Word. Change them from what they are to what You would have them be."

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

**Welcome to the Lord's Table ...** We welcome our second grade students Corinne Hammond, Elijah Heimann, Alex Krongak, Ava Lowrey, Lucy Wartman, who received our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time three weeks ago, Sunday, April 28. May each of us continue to treasure the awesome gift it is to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Thanks to all who helped with the First Communion Mass: the ministers at the Altar & to Greg Vandenberg for providing music. Thanks especially to our teacher, Mrs. Heather Johnsen for the gift of her time to teach the "little ones". Thanks also to those who helped with the Brunch in setting up, decorations, food, serving, and clean up. It was greatly appreciated.

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

In the Jan 17, 1999 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: "On Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1998, 17 members of our parish participated in a 5 hour strategic planning meeting led by Fr. Joe Walsh and Dr. Benes from Catholic Social Services. We identified 5 areas of Apostolic Priority: 1) Outreach 2) Community 3) Education 4) Spirituality 5) Catholic Tradition. We started our problem solving work by picking Catholic Tradition and came up with this problem statement: "There is insufficient knowledge and lack of confidence to live and defend our Catholic traditions." A potential solution is a question & answer box in this bulletin, or bulletin insert. We now need to work out the details. Next Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm Thursday, January 28. Dr. Benes and Fr. Walsh will lead us through another problem solving exercise so we are trained to do this work without their help and can work on the other areas of Apostolic Priority.

Two parishioners from each parish in the Diocese went to St. Louis to attend Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II in the Trans World Dome on Wed. Jan. 27.

In the December 13, 1998 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: "*Some have talked or asked about our parish purchasing hymnals. Music is very important to our worship of God at Mass. We have put off the decision on a hymnal for several years. The choice of which one to get is not easy. Our Diocese is trying to address this issue. Bishop Bruskewitz has a strong committee of priests and sisters looking at various hymnals. We should hopefully hear the results by summer of '99.*"

Beginning March 21, 1999, our Parish Mission started. Fr. Brethour wrote: "*Many of us are experts when it comes to maintaining healthy bodies. We know what we need to do. But, how much more important is a healthy soul? Our bodies last 70 years or so, but our souls last forever. Let us pray and attend our Parish Mission so that the Divine Physician, Jesus Christ, can help us form healthy souls. We place such a high value on earthly bodies, whereas God, our Creator, places an infinite value on our immortal soul. Let us set aside time this week for our soul by attending our Parish Mission. Topics: Sunday - Marriage as a Eucharist Monday - The Divine Mercy Tuesday - Reconciliation; Wednesday - Prayer and the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday - The Cross; Feel free to invite relatives and/or friends ... even those who are not Catholic ... the Mission Message is for everyone.*"

On May 6, 1999, there was a Potluck Dinner to honor Fr. Brethour held after the 11:00am Mass. All the parish is invited to come and bring your favorite casserole, dessert, or salad. Please join us.

In the June 6, 1999 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: "*Thank you to Tim, Paul and Loren Griffin who dug out the dirt to prepare for the concrete sidewalk to the statue of Mary. Also to Jim Dodson Bob Snider, and Reiny Burbach for preparing the forms. We will need wheel barrow pushers Monday June 7 about 9:30am. Jim, Joe, Jerry and Don Dodson, Ken Bjornstad, Ed Rieker, Larry Baye, Tim Griffin, Jerry Volesky, Ray Slowinski, Reiny Burbach, Mark Miller and Don Exner all came to offer their services to help us lay the concrete sidewalk to the statue. What a great group who came to help on a Monday morning. We have a tremendous, charitable parish!! God bless you.*"

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., May 25, 5:00pm	Sun., May 26, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Nicholas Niesen
<b>Music</b>	Greg Vandenberg	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
<b>Gifts</b>	Steve & Janet Fear	Bob & Tracy Ryland
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**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 Cloutre, 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:** 5/18 - Charles Barron, Blake Niesen, 5/19 - Jarrod Connelly, 5/25 - Dolores Kosmicki.

**Congratulations:** to Mike & Kim Paul who celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary May 18.

**Congratulations:** to Dennis and Trudy Brosius who celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary May 23.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn't always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul's day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today's first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area. There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**MISSIONARIES OF MERCY ...** Paul's back! After last week's "violent abuse," opponents organized a lynch mob that beat Paul nearly to death. But call Paul the "energizing evangelist," transforming deadly cruelty into life-giving zeal. Paul's past courage should inspire our commitment; Revelation's future "new heaven, new earth" should inspire our optimism. But Revelation's present assurance, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race," should challenge us to become "missionaries of mercy." Because Pope Francis declared that the Church's credibility is completely dependent on our showing unconditional mercy. Mercy, said Francis, makes the Church, the world, and everyone young again, reawakened to life's noblest virtues. Fittingly, in today's Gospel Jesus reinforces that theme: "This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**GARDENING ...** Kind hearts are the garden, kind thoughts are the root, kind words are the blossoms, kind deeds are the fruit. —Anonymous

**IMPENETRABLE ...** The same fence that shuts others out shuts us in. —Anonymous

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Skyler Lawrence Woita, from St. Wenceslaus Parish, Wahoo. 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 ... (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.