

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*** ***May 26, 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 27 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday May 28 **5:30 p.m.**  
 \*\*\* Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) \*\*\*  
 Wednesday May 29 **5:30 p.m.**  
**6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus**  
 Thursday May 30 **7:00 a.m.**  
**12:10 p.m.**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
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 Friday May 31 **12:10 p.m.**  
 Saturday June 1 **5:00 p.m.**  
 Sunday June 2 **10:00 a.m.**

**INTENTIONS**

Msgr. Daniel Seiker (-bap)  
 Book of Memories / Blessings  
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +  
 Fr. Leo Seiker (-bap)  
 People of Our Parish  
 Leona Cloutre +  
 Martha Burbach +  
 People of Our Parish  
 Martha Burbach +

***“May the peoples  
 praise you, O God;  
 may all the peoples  
 praise you!”***  
 — Psalm 67:6

**Stewardship: May 19, 2019**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,285.00  
**Loose Plate:**.....\$104.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** 0 ..... \$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,389

**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**

Wednesday May 29 **6:00-10:00pm** = Eucharistic Adoration  
 Thursday May 30 **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 NPCCS 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!:** 7-8 & 10<sup>th</sup> grade Math; Girls PE/Health; Head & Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach; JH Girls Basketball Assistant; JH Volleyball Assistant. Interested candidates may contact Superintendent Kevin Dodson: [k.dodson@npcschools.org](mailto:k.dodson@npcschools.org).

**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, & Track. She will be participating in Strutters & has consistently been on the Honor Roll! Michaela & her family are members of St. Patrick where she is involved in Hospitality & Music Ministry; she has three brothers who attend McDaid; Mason 5th, Matthew 2nd & 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 Family Farms, LLC.

**Join the Spirit of Patriotism ...** Take the next step and become a member of the Fourth Degree of Knights of Columbus. We are the visible right arm of the Church and Defenders of the Faith. Our mission is to promote and elevate the religious and patriotic spirit of the Catholic Church. A Patriotism degree exemplification is scheduled at Saint Patrick on June 22. For more information contact Ronald Gilliline, at 308-534-6858. Information is located in the Church entrance.

**Seeking Healing and Hope After Divorce ...** Find comfort, counsel, hope & healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The **Surviving Divorce** program is a 12 week video series & facilitator led program. Begins **June 3, 7-9pm**, John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of program; includes **Surviving Divorce** personal guide & all materials. Register at 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; 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.

**The Creator's Eternal Dream** ... Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love," writes, "The Psalmist says: "You knit me together in my mother's womb" (Ps 139:13). Every child growing within the mother's womb is part of the eternal loving plan of God the Father: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5). Each child has a place in God's heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator's eternal dream comes true. Let us pause to think of the great value of that embryo from the moment of conception. We need to see it with the eyes of God, who always looks beyond mere appearances." (AL, 168)

## Charity & Stewardship Appeal CSA 2019 (DDP)

... Thanks to those who made their pledge. 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!

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).

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Parish ...** all (current and former Parishioners, family, friends, people from the community), are welcome to join us for any part of our celebration.

**Friday, June 7, 2019**

- **6:00pm Mass ... Bishop James Conley celebrant**
- **7:00pm Reception** with light refreshments in Parish Hall  
**Historical Display available in Parish Hall**

**Saturday, June 8, 2019**

- **5:00pm Mass (for Sunday obligation)**  
**Bishop Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz celebrant**
- **6:00pm-9:00pm Knights of Columbus BBQ** = Parish Grounds
- **Adult Meals (ages 13+)** = \$10.00 **Advanced** Tickets
- **Adult Meals (ages 13+)** = \$12.00 **Tickets at the Door**  
(Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert)  
Cash Bar: Beer / wine.

Children Meals (ages 5-12) = \$4.00

Little Children Meals (under 5) = Free

**Historical Display available in Parish Hall**

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

- **10:00am Mass**  
**Bishop Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz celebrant**
- **11:00am Brunch in Parish Hall**  
**Historical Display available in Parish Hall**

## FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

**Welcome to the Lord's Table ...** We welcome our second grade students Corinne Hammond, Elijah Heimann, Alex Krondak, 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.

**Fr. Seiker at Jesus Caritas Priest meeting ...** in Lincoln, Mon. May 27 – Tue. May 28. I will return for Tue. 5:30pm Mass (5:00pm confessions).

**Congratulations to our Graduate ...** God's blessings to our Senior, Nicholas Niesen, who graduated from St. Patrick High School on 05/05. Congratulations! Stay with the Lord; let Him & His Bride, the Church, help you in your life.

**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), Heather Johnsen(2), Mike Krondak(3-4), Joanie Grunden(5-6), Shane Lowrey(7-8), Justin Pieper(9-12). Substitutes: Emily Krondak, Spencer Hampton.

## Looking Back and Moving Forward ....

After five years as the founding Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fr. Gary Brethour moved to St. Patrick Church in McCook on June 14, 1999. Our new Pastor, Fr. Tom Brouillette moved in and began to get to know our Parish and our Parishioners. For the last five years, Fr. Brethour had been the Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and also of the Parishes in Curtis, Wellfleet and Farnam. A new pastor was assigned for Curtis, Wellfleet and Farnam and Fr. Brouillette has been assigned as Pastor of just St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

In his last bulletin article on June 13, 1999, Fr. Gary Brethour wrote: *"The Lincoln Diocesan, "Crossing the Threshold: The New Millennium Campaign" is now in the Major Gift's phase outside of our parishes. May - July, 1999 will be the Major Gifts Phase in our parishes. Oct. 1999 will be the start of our Parish Phase. This campaign is very important for our Diocese! The goal is to raise \$15 million. \$5 million for our new seminary. \$5 million for our priest retirement fund. (Nice "problem" of so many young priests that we need to get the retirement fund actuarially sound.) \$5 million to endow our Lincoln Diocesan grade schools and CCD Programs. Our parish goal will be 70, 260! 15% of pledges paid up to our goal will come back to the parish. 50% of pledges paid over our goal will come back to our parish. The parish council will need to work with Fr. Tom Brouillette to determine a project(s) for these funds. Some possibilities are: purchase a clavino, new hymnals, and/or pay the remaining \$26,000 of the rectory loan. As you make your budget decisions, please keep in mind our Christian vocation to practice wise and generous stewardship. If you are asked to help conduct the drive, please be generous. What return shall I give to the Lord for all he has given to me?"*

In the June 20, 1999 Bulletin Fr. Tom Brouillette wrote: *"On May 25, 1999 we paid \$3,000.00 on our rectory loan. The loan balance is \$25,956.45! Because of Project 2000 and our own Lincoln Diocesan campaign, we will wait some time before beginning to make any serious plans to build our Church with attached rectory. God's time is the best time. We don't want to interfere with these important campaigns. Please continue your pledges."*

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., June 1, 5:00pm	Sun., June 2, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Loren Baxa	Mike Krondak
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Bob Ryland
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Kevin Bantam
	Volunteer	Tyler Bantam
<b>Music</b>	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Choir
<b>Gifts</b>	Philip & Kelsey	John & Donna Bode
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Bjornstad	Derek Bantam
	Teresa Bjornstad	Jennifer Bantam
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a,9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15,22—18:1; Ps148:1-2,11-14; Jn16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
Friday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

**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:** 5/25 - Dolores Kosmicki, 5/27 - Leo Hampton, 5/28 - Alice Robinson, 5/29 - Forrest Kain, 5/30 - Jerry Beckius.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy. These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**THE GIFT OF PEACE ...** "There arose no little dissension and debate." Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion ... even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little "give and take" now and then. So where was it that "there arose no little dissension and debate"? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today's Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today's Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that "reconciled diversity," often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today's Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus' promised Gospel gift: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**CONTENTED ...** A contented person is one who enjoys the scenery along the detour. —Anonymous

**LEGACY ...** We want to give our children what we didn't have; but let's make sure we give them what we did have: our faith. —Anonymous

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Peter Vincent Foley, from St. Peter Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2018. He is in College 1 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.

**(JUNE) Evangelization** - That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.