

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*** ***April 5, 2020***

***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**

#### **Family Formation Program**

Sunday mornings (Sept-May) 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 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. 6 7:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday Apr. 7 7:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Apr. 8 7:00 a.m.  
**6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus**  
 Holy Thursday Apr. 9 **7:00 p.m.**  
*followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration until midnight*  
 Good Friday Apr. 10 **12:10 p.m.**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
 Holy Saturday Apr. 11 **9:00 p.m.**  
 Easter Sunday Apr. 12 **8:00 a.m.**

## INTENTIONS

Patricia Zamora +  
 Sr. Elizabeth Lennehann  
 John L. Sullivan +  
 Fr. Mark Seiker (Holy Thursday Priest)  
 Stations of the Cross/Seven Last Words  
 -- Good Friday Liturgy --  
 Elli (Fugate) Schmidt  
 People of our Parish

*God greatly exalted  
 Christ and bestowed on  
 Him the name which is  
 above every name.*

— Philippians 2:9

## Stewardship: March 29, 2020

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$510.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$0.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** .....\$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$510.00

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$470.00  
**Total Gifts Received: .....\$883,973.05**  
 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:.....\$1,702,428.04  
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$61,613.45

Southern NE Register: .....\$0.00  
 Combined Collection Non-Specified: ..\$60.00  
 American Bishops Overseas:.....\$10.00  
 Black & Indian Collection: .....\$10.00  
 Catholic Communication: .....\$10.00  
 Catholic Home Missions: .....\$10.00  
 Catholic University: .....\$10.00  
 Retired Religious:.....\$10.00

### Parish Calendar

Wednesday Apr. 8 6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration NO RCIA Classes  
 Thursday Apr. 9 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration until Midnight = in Church)  
 Friday Apr. 10 12:10pm Stations of the Cross/Begin Divine Mercy Novena/Seven Last Words  
 7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy  
 Saturday Apr. 11 9:00pm Easter Vigil  
 Sunday Apr. 12 8:00am Easter Sunday Mass

## Catholic School News:

**GREEN WAR:** Postponed until further notice, but donations are still being accepted. Goal: Raise money for Mrs. McCarthy-Garth's medical bills. Location: Please send your donations to NebraskaLand National Bank of N.P. in "Therese McCarthy-Garth" account. McDaid and St. Pat's Schools: Let's come together to support our amazing teacher. Please continue to pray for her and all her medical staff!

**SCRIP:** SCRIP is still available for purchase! The Endowment office is operating with limited office hours, 10:00am-12:00pm daily. If you need SCRIP gift cards, please call, text, or e-mail Wendy Dodson using the contact information below. The office will prepare your order and you can stop by (601 S. Tabor) to pick it up. This is also a great time to utilize online SCRIP through the [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) website! If you are new to online SCRIP, please create a family account by clicking "get started," and then "join your program." Our school enrollment code is: 41B837676942. Once you create a family account, you can add a checking account or credit card as form of online payment. Contact the Endowment office at any time with your SCRIP questions! Wendy Dodson: [w.dodson@npcschools.org](mailto:w.dodson@npcschools.org). 308-534-5939 (office). 308-520-2891 (personal – call or text).

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

**Catholic Daughters...** There will be no Catholic Daughters meeting in April. Please pray the Rosary for the end to the virus, for our priests, and for each other. Watch for a newsletter regarding nominations and voting.

**Meal for New Parents ...** Brent & Nikki Downey's new baby, Luke Gregory, was born 2/15/20. A meal schedule has been established for them online via [TakeThemAMeal.com](http://TakeThemAMeal.com). If you want to make them a dinner go to <https://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=GLUC6874>, or call Hanna at 660-0543. **There are still several spots available.**

**FREE Magnificat App ...** during this challenging time, many faithful may be unable to attend Mass. Magnificat is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home.

English: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>  
 Spanish: <https://latina.magnificat.net/gratis>

Also available is complimentary access to MagnifiKid: See [www.magnifikid.com/free](http://www.magnifikid.com/free) to view and download each weekly booklet of our colorful Sunday missalette for children ages 6 through 12. While so many children are missing formal religious instruction and are unable to attend Mass, MagnifiKid! can be their special guide, accompanying them through each week as they prepare to attend Mass or watch it at home.

**Jesus' Death is Our Example ...** "Jesus, who upon entering into the world said: "I have come, O God, to do your will" (cf. Heb 10:9), made himself obedient to the Father in everything and, "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1), giving himself completely for them. He who had come "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45), attains on the Cross the heights of love: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). And he died for us while we were yet sinners (cf. Rom 5:8). In this way Jesus proclaims that life finds its center, its meaning and its fulfillment when it is given up. At this point our meditation becomes praise and thanksgiving, and at the same time urges us to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps (cf. 1 Pt 2:21). We too are called to give our lives for our brothers and sisters, and thus to realize in the fullness of truth the meaning and destiny of our existence." -- John Paul II (The Gospel of Life, n. 51)

## **Charity & Stewardship Appeal CSA 2020**

**(DDP)**... due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, there is a different approach to CSA this year. On Friday (04/03/20), pledge card for the Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2020) were mailed to parishioners. You make place your contribution (*check only not cash*) in the enclosed envelope & mail to the Lincoln Drop Box. *If you did not receive a pledge card, or if you have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker (email or phone).* The goal for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is **\$8,630.00**. These funds will be used for various programs funded by the Charity & Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2020). Our Diocese is holding to CSA Appeal **1 month earlier than in the past!**

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 that 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 goal is 100% participation. Please experience the joy of giving & join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity & education.

Over the last 26 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 \$61,613.45 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 2020 at a similar level as in previous years, & also use regular Sunday envelopes!

**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 (9-10), I-P (10-11), Q-Z (11-12).

**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.

**Experience The EASTER VIGIL online ...** 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 online this year!

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

**MERCY SUNDAY: Novena to the Divine Mercy ...** We will begin the novena at the service of the Seven Last Words on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross at 12:10pm. Join in praying the Novena & Chaplet daily. Also, please come to the **Holy Hour, Sun., April 19, 3:00pm-4:00pm, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church,** praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & quiet prayer time.

Be open to the Lord's mercy, pray for an outpouring of His mercy in your life, in the lives of those you love, and in all persons throughout the world. Be merciful!

**Online Giving to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ...** Due to the inability to have public Masses at this time, online giving to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is now possible through the Diocese of Lincoln. These donations will be recorded by the Diocese and a notice will be sent to the parish of the giving and the amount transferred. The link on the diocesan website is <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/giving>.

**Volunteer Mowers ...** We are looking for some volunteer help to mow the Catholic Cemetery on State Farm Road. We have set some dates for mowing. Sunday April 19, May 3, and May 17, all at 1:00pm. If you can help on other days and times, that is fine too. Questions call Mike Montgomery (530-7917).

## **Holy Week Liturgies:**

All Masses are being livestreamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/seasnorthplatte/>

The videos of all Masses will also be available on the parish webpage about 1 hour after the end of the Mass at <http://seas-np.org/covid-19-mass-videos-at-seas/>

- **Palm Sunday**
  - April 4, **5:00pm Mass** (Vigil of Palm Sunday)
  - April 5, **8:00am Palm Sunday Mass**
- Mon, April 6, 7:00am Mass
- Tue, April 7, 7:00am Mass
- Wed, April 8, 7:00am Mass
- April 9, **Holy Thursday 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- April 10, **Good Friday**
  - 12:10pm Stations of the Cross,
  - begin Divine Mercy Novena, Seven Last Words;
  - 7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy**
- April 11, **Holy Saturday 9:00pm Easter Vigil**
- April 12, **Easter Sunday 8:00am Easter Sunday Mass**

## **Scheduled Times for Confession are:**

- Saturday, April 4, 3:00pm – 4:55pm
- Sunday, April 5,
  - 9:00am–9:55am; 1:00pm-2:30pm; 4:00pm–6:00pm)
- Mon, April 6, 12:00pm–1:00pm
- Tue, April 7, Confessions 12:00pm–1:00pm
- Wed, April 8, 12:00pm–1:00pm; 5:00pm–7:00pm
- **Holy Thursday**, April 9, 8:15pm – 10:30pm
- **Good Friday**, April 10, 1:30pm–3:30pm; 8:15pm–10:30pm
- **Holy Saturday**, April 11, 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- **Easter Sunday**, April 12, 9:00am – 9:55am

If these times don't fit your schedule, make an appointment to have your confession heard in the Parish Hall. **Be Forgiveness!**

## **Litany to the Sacred Heart ... (on Good Friday)**

... Join Archbishop José Gomez, (president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and archbishop of Los Angeles), in a national moment of prayer in the time of the coronavirus. Together as a nation, we will pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and seek our savior's healing and protection. Visit <https://lacatholics.org/sacred-heart/> or <https://www.facebook.com/usccb> to join the live-stream and pray as one nation on **Good Friday, April 10, 2020 at 11:00amCT.**

"By a special grant from the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See for those who pray for the end of the pandemic, a plenary indulgence is available for those who join Archbishop Gomez in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart on Good Friday. A plenary Indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment due to sins and may be applied to oneself or to the souls of the deceased [Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1471].

To receive this indulgence, a member of the faithful would need to a) pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart on Good Friday b) be truly repentant of any sins they have committed and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (*at the earliest opportunity*) c) pray for the Holy Father's intentions."

**A Season of Grace ...** Lent is a season of penance. Now, that sounds terribly negative to our modern thinking, but it does not mean that God's judgment is rising up out of spite or wrath. Rather, it means that this is a season of grace, where we are invited to put first things first and return to God. In Hebrew the word for repentance is shuv, and it means a turning back, a return to God. Lent should be a turning point where we start to prioritize the spiritual over the worldly. Dr. Tim Gray (Augustine Institute)

## Liturgical Minister

<b>Lector</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b>		
<b>Server</b>		
<b>Music</b>		
<b>Gifts</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1 — 2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

**Prayers for the sick:** Those affected with/by COVID-19, Eli Skoch (nephew of Maggie [Skoch] Butler), Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Young woman (with many difficult situations), Rose Jurado, Troy Tickle, Iris Wyman Lloyd, Peggy Lawler, J.D. Troyer, Matt Reisen (Matt & Ashley Perlinger's friend), Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Mary Lou Robles (Toni Barron's sister), Renate Nordquist, Mike & Kim Paul, Jim Beckius.

**Prayers for the deceased:** Reyes Robles (Toni Barron's brother-in-law), Margaret Ruskamp (Donna Bode's mother), Dolores Kosmicki, Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sister), Teresa Clouatre, Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), Florena Schneewis (Emily Krondak's mother), Carlos Fleury (Steve/Janet Fear's son-in-law), Ruby Ramirez (Toni Barron's sister), JoAnn Bode Waters (John Bode's sister), Eileen Boltz, Leona Clouatre, Bernadine Torres, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** 4/4 - Michael Lafleur, Michael Krondak, 4/5 - Hanna Pieper, Anna Krondak, 4/10 - Laura Dickinson, Teresa Niesen, 4/12 - Kay Cooper.

**Congratulations:** to Charles & Toni Barron who celebrate their 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary April 11.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION** ... Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast. Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life. The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal VOWS. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**HOSANNA** ... "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**THE CROSS** ... We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. — Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *The Roman Missal*

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Louden Daniel Redinger, from Sacred Heart Parishes in Kenesaw and Shelton. He entered the Seminary in 2014. 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 ... (April)**

**Universal Prayer Intention: Freedom from Addiction:** We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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