

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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3rd Sunday of Easter *April 18, 2021*

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

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. 19	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Apr. 20	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Apr. 21	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Apr. 22	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Apr. 23	12:10 p.m.
		5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Apr. 24	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Apr. 25	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Rush Hudson Limbaugh III +
 Special Intention (jls)
 Nancy Rieker
 Mary Lou Robles +
 Martha Burbach +
 Steven Seiker (~bp)
 Joan Ryland (~ 80th bd)
 People of our Parish

**“Why are you troubled?
 And why do questions
 arise in your hearts?
 Look at my hands and my
 feet, that it is I myself.**

Stewardship: April 11, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$3,335.00
Loose Plate:\$166.07
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: (Easter Sunday)..... \$85.00
Total:\$3,586.07

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts **last week:**\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:.....**\$945,773.05**
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:.....\$1,765,812.77
Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... **\$0.00**

Rice Bowl:\$0.00
 Holy Land:\$60.00
 Southern NE Register:\$50.00
 NP Catholic Food Pantry: ...\$0.00
 CombinedCollectionNon-Specified:\$0.00
 Catholic Communication:\$0.00
 Catholic Home Missions:\$20.00
 Retired Religious:\$50.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Apr. 18	3:30pm – 5:00pm: Southwest Nebraska Cursillo Ultreya
Wednesday	Apr. 21	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Apr. 22	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky)
Sunday	Apr. 25	11:30am: Combined April / May Daughters of Charity Meeting in Person and via Zoom

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: Apr. 19: 1:00pm- ESU District Quiz Bowl, 4:00pm- JH Track @ NPHS, Apr. 20: 10:00am- Golf @ Perkins Co., Apr. 21: 10:00am- JH Track @ Sutherland, 10:00am- Track @ Arapahoe, Apr. 22: 10:00am- Golf @ Sandhills/Theford Invite, 4:00pm- Baseball vs. Hastings/Adams Central, Apr. 23: No school- All grades are dismissed from school since the District Music Contest will be hosted at St. Patrick's HS & McDaid.

St. Pat's Nat'l Honor Society Drive-Thru: Dine Out to Help Out on Sunday, April 25 12 - 3PM St. Pat's High School, \$10—per meal Pulled Pork Sandwich, chips, side, dessert & water. Pull up to the front of St. Pat's HS, Pay, Pick up your meal and go home to Enjoy! Thank you for your supporting NHS!

Employment Opportunity: NPCCS is looking to fill a Theology position for grades 9-12. Applicant must possess a strong knowledge of the Catholic faith, hold/be eligible for a Nebraska Teaching certificate, and have the ability to lead students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Coaching and Activity Director duties also available. If interested, please contact Mr. Dodson (308-532-1874).

Student of the Month: The April student of the month is Helana Pettit. Teachers and Student Council members vote on a student to receive this honor. Helana, a freshman, is the daughter of Todd and Bridget Pettit of North Platte. Her school activities include cross county, track, band, elite band, choir, honor roll, Strutters, art, S.A.I.N.T.S. and Skills USA. Outside of school she finds time to volunteer at parish events and serves on the Technology Committee at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. She and her family are members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Helana has two younger siblings: Dimitri (8th Grade) & Dominica (3rd Grade) at NPCCS.

MSP Baseball Team: The Maxwell/St. Pat's baseball team finally got to play its season opener of its inaugural season on Monday, April 12. The MSP team is the first one this far west in Nebraska. The team was presented with a \$16,050 check from NebraskaLand National Bank. The funds will be used to support the baseball program.

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

St. Pat's Breakfast ... St. Pat's Parish Sunday Brunch is back! It is all new! Menus change each mth (3rd Sun). 8:00am-1:00pm at St Pat Hall.

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

a **combined April / May Meeting** will be **Sunday, April 25, at 11:30am** in person in the Parish Hall (*observing a Social Distance*) **and** via Zoom. All women are invited & encouraged to participate either in person or virtually through Zoom.

Walk for Life ... May 1, 9:30am, Women's Resource Center, 209 McNeel Lane. You can help save children's lives and promote the Church's teaching on marriage and family by sponsoring a walker in the 20th Annual Walk for Life. Contact walkers Sophia Krondak 308-520-6673 or Peggy Orr 308-532-3333 or go to the link www.friendsofwrc.com. More walkers are still being welcomed. For more information on being a walker, contact the WRC (308-534-1440).

Change Your Station, Change Your Life ... For Easter, listen to Catholic Radio for 1 hr each week. Jesus will change your life! Already a listener? Visit www.spiritcatholicradio.com for station near you.

Spousal Hearts: Renewed in Love ... Marriage Encounter presenting **Virtual Weekend 2021: April 23-25**. Contact the Bensons, Pat 308-940-0670, Janelle 308-940-1105, pjbjben@yahoo.com.

Retreat for Couples Experiencing Infertility ... There will be a Day Long Retreat for couples or individual spouses experiencing primary or secondary infertility held on **May 1st, 2021 from 9:00am-4:00pm**, led by Fr. Tim Danek with other guest speakers at John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln or **virtually**. Cost is \$15 / 35 / 60 for virtual / individual / couple and in person includes Mass and brunch. Sign up / more information at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/ffretreat>.

Camp Kateri Registration ... Registration is now open for SKY Camp (*rising grades 5th-9th*), Catholic Adventure Camp (*rising grades 4th-6th*) and the Tekakwitha Games (*rising grades 5th-9th*). For more information, or to register for camp, go to www.campkateri.org.

High School Volunteer Counselors Needed ... Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for volunteer high school counselors for SKY, Catholic Adventure Camp and the Tekakwitha Games. For more information, please go to www.campkateri.org.

Southern Nebraska Register ... subscription rate: \$15 for one year. Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Thank you!

Good Counsel Retreat House Retreats

Register for Online & in person Retreats sponsored by Good Counsel Retreat House www.goodcounselretreat.com, 402-786-2705, or goodcounsel@cdolinc.net.

April - July Schedule:

Apr. 23-25 Fr. Jay Buhman..... Men / Women
"It is God Who Invites You: Come and See"
Apr. 29 - May 2 Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
"4-day Directed Spiritual Exercises" (Thu-Sun)
May 7-8 Janette Howe of Seven Sisters Apostolate .Women
"Real Women Wear Armor" (24 hour Retreat)
June 14-22 Fr. Gary Coulter & Matt Simmons..... Men / Women
"8-Day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat" (Mon-Tue)
June 14-18 Fr. Gary Coulter & Matt Simmons..... Men / Women
"4-Day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat" (Mon-Fri)
June 18-22 Fr. Gary Coulter & Matt Simmons..... Men / Women
"4-Day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat" (Fri-Tue)
June 21-25 Jesu Caritas Fraternity of Priests (for Priests only)
"Week of Nazareth"
July 5-13 Fr. Christopher Barak/Matt Simmons Men / Women
"8-Day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat" (Mon-Tue)
July 5-9 Fr. Christopher Barak/Matt Simmons Men / Women
"4-Day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat" (Mon-Fri)
July 9-13 Fr. Christopher Barak/Matt Simmons Men / Women
"4-Day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat" (Fri-Tue)

Easter is a Season ...

Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the "Great Sunday" of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life.

Renew Subscriptions to MAGNIFICAT! ...

MAGNIFICAT is a monthly publication containing a short morning, evening, & night prayer, & a short daily meditation; as well as the Scripture readings for the Daily & Sunday Masses, essays on the lives of the saints, and spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art. Magnificat is a good way to learn more about your faith & deepen your prayer life and your relationship with God. The **annual group subscription rate is \$23.00/each**. That is a savings of \$24.00 off regular (individual price of \$47.00). If you would like to be a part of the group / bulk subscription, please turn in payment (checks to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) to Fr. Seiker. The **group subscription** runs from **Aug. 2021-Jul. 2022**. Those in our Group may also read Magnificat either **online** or on **iPhone** or **iPod**.

Seven Sisters Apostolate Day for Reflection

(Open to all Women) ... Thursday, May 6 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, for women already involved in a Seven Sisters Group and those who would like more information about the Apostolate. Any Catholic woman (or Catholic man) is welcome to participate. The theme will be "Real Women Wear Armor". Registration & Continental Breakfast will begin at 8:00am, 8:45am=Scriptural Rosary; 9:15am=Mass (celebrated by Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt), followed by Session #1. Lunch. Session #2. Q & A, and the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Day Session will end at 3:00pm. There will also be an **EVENING SESSION** 6:30pm-8:30pm. **Foundress Janette Howe will be our Retreat Leader**. Suggested Fee: \$10.00. Registration is required before April 26, 2021. Bring Your Bible! **You may register at: <https://seas-np.org/>**. The Day Session and Evening Session will be available on Live-Stream through ZOOM. Contact persons: Joan Ryland, 10148 West Platte Valley Rd, North Platte, NE 69101, Text: 308-520-6800, Email: rylandjoan@yahoo.com.

Charity & Stewardship Appeal CSA 2021 (DDP) ...

on April 24-25, May 1-2, you will be asked to stop in the Narthex after Mass to make your pledge for The Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2021). The goal for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is **\$8,260.00**. These funds will be used for various programs funded by the Charity & Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2021).

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

Over the last 27 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, Rector, & Farm. We borrowed \$1,485,000 for the new Church at very low interest rates. **We have paid off ALL of our loans for Parish Hall, Rector, the "Farm", and the Church.** We need to continue to make a gift to CSA 2021 at a similar level as in previous years, & also use regular Sunday envelopes!

Contact Your Senators About LB364 ...

LB364, **the Opportunity Scholarships Act**, will be debated by the Nebraska Legislature as soon as this week, and your State Senator needs to hear from you! There are many families in our community and across the state who want the choice to send their kids to private or parochial school, but can't because of financial obstacles. As Catholics, we believe that parents have the right to choose a school for their children which corresponds to their own convictions. LB364 would help transform the lives of students and families in Nebraska by giving them the freedom to choose faith-based education if they so desire. Contact your State Senator today & help us pass LB364! Go to the following NCC website: <https://www.votervoice.net/NECATHOLIC/campaigns/83801/respond> to send an email.

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 who received our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time: **James Kronak** on **Sunday, April 11**, and **Obadiah Wartman** on **Wednesday, April 14**. 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 Masses: the ministers at the Altar & to Peggy Orr for providing music. Thanks especially to our teacher, Mr. Spencer Hampton for the gift of his time to teach the "little ones". Also thanks to the parents to are the first educators of their children.

I Thirst: 40 Days With Mother Teresa ...

Please pick up your copy & enjoy reading it. Also pick **5 Minutes With the Word** & a bottle of the Blessed Easter Water (by Baptismal Font).

Liturgical Ministers

Lector	
Acolyte	
Server	
Music	
Gifts	
Ushers	
Rosary	

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	Apr. 17	Easter Weekday (Wk. 2)
Sunday:	Apr. 18	3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday:	Apr. 19	Easter Weekday (Wk. 3)
Tuesday:	Apr. 20	Easter Weekday (Wk. 3)
Wednesday:	Apr. 21	Easter Weekday (Wk. 3) St. Anselm (Opt. Memorial)
Thursday:	Apr. 22	Easter Weekday (Wk. 3)
Friday:	Apr. 23	Easter Weekday (Wk. 3) St. George, St. Adalbert (Opt. Memorials)
Saturday:	Apr. 24	Easter Weekday (Wk. 3) St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (Opt. Memorial)
Sunday:	Apr. 25	4th Sunday of Easter

Prayers for the sick: Daniel Nisley, Spencer Bale, Kim Prenosil, Kerry Heskett (Ben Heskett's sister), Rick Ryan, Cathy Leathers, J.D. Troyer, Cindy Ryan, Dean & Janice Large, Jennifer Schmid, Those affected with/by COVID-19, Peggy Lawler, Matt Reisen (Matt & Ashley Perlinger's friend), Special Intention, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Renate Nordquist, Kim Paul.

Prayers for the deceased: Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Jim Beckius, Vinette Tenopir (Mickey Morlang's mother), Ginger Daigger Smith, Troy Tickle, Carolyn Cohen, Steve Haman (Matt Perlinger's uncle), Betty Conley (Bishop Conley's mother), Mike Paul, Sammy Medinger, Mary Lou Robles (Toni Barron's sister), Leo Walz, Ardis "Jo" Ginapp, Verna Kellogg, Bonnie Greco (Ashley Perlinger's grandmother), Shirley Lindekugel, Beatrice Estrada, Eloise Kramer (Monica Kramer's mother), Nellie Rodriguez (Toni Barron's sister), Reyes Robles (Toni Barron's brother-in-law), Margaret Ruskamp (Donna Bode's mother), Dolores Kosmicki, Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sister), Teresa Cloutre, Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), Florena Schneweis (Emily Kronidak'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 Cloutre, Bernadine Torres, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 4/18 - Rosie Nisley.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (Second Edition) PART FOUR – CHRISTIAN PRAYER

SECTION ONE – PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CHAPTER ONE – THE REVELATION OF PRAYER

The Psalms, the Prayer of the Assembly

2586 The Psalms both nourished and expressed the prayer of the People of God gathered during the great feasts at Jerusalem and each Sabbath in the synagogues. Their prayer is inseparably personal and communal; it concerns both those who are praying and all men. The Psalms arose from the communities of the Holy Land and the Diaspora, but embrace all creation. Their prayer recalls the saving events of the past, yet extends into the future, even to the end of history; it commemorates the promises God has already kept, and awaits the Messiah who will fulfill them definitively. Prayed by Christ and fulfilled in him, the Psalms remain essential to the prayer of the Church.³⁸

³⁸ Cf. GILH, nn. 100-109 **Psalms and Their Connection With Christian Prayer** ¹⁰⁰In the liturgy of the hours the Church in large measure prays through the magnificent songs that the Old Testament authors composed under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The origin of these verses gives them great power to raise the mind to God, to inspire devotion, to evoke gratitude in times of favor, and to bring consolation and courage in times of trial. ¹⁰¹The psalms, however, are only a foreshadowing of the fullness of time that came to pass in Christ the Lord and that is the source of the power of the Church's prayer. Hence, while the Christian people are all agreed on the supreme value to be placed on the psalms, they can sometimes experience difficulty in making this inspired poetry their own prayer. ¹⁰²Yet the Holy Spirit, under whose inspiration the psalms were written, is always present by his grace to those believers who use them with good will. But more is necessary: the faithful must "improve their understanding of the Bible, especially of the psalms,"^[SC art. 90] according to their individual capacity, so that they may understand how and by what method they can truly pray through the psalms. ¹⁰³The psalms are not readings or prose prayers, but poems of praise. They can on occasion be recited as readings, but from their literary genre they are properly called Tehillim ("songs of praise") in Hebrew and psalmoi ("songs to be sung to the lyre") in Greek. In fact, all the psalms have a musical quality that determines their correct style of delivery. Thus even when a psalm is recited and not sung or is said silently in private, its musical character should govern its use. A psalm does present a text to the minds of the people, but its aim is to move the heart of those singing it or listening to it and also of those accompanying it "on the lyre and harp." ¹⁰⁴To sing the psalms with understanding, then, is to meditate on them verse by verse, with the heart always ready to respond in the way the Holy Spirit desires. The one who inspired the psalmist will also be present to those who in faith and love are ready to receive his grace. For this reason the singing of psalms, though it demands the reverence owed to God's majesty, should be the expression of a joyful spirit and a loving heart, in keeping with their character as sacred poetry and divine song and above all with the freedom of the children of God. ¹⁰⁵Often the words of a psalm help us to pray with greater ease and fervor, whether in thanksgiving and joyful praise of God or in prayer for help in the throes of suffering. But difficulties may arise, especially when the psalm is not addressed directly to God. The psalmist is a poet and often addresses the people as he recalls Israel's history; sometimes he addresses others, including subrational creatures. He even represents the words as being spoken by God himself and individual people, including, as in Ps 2, God's enemies. This shows that a psalm is a different kind of prayer from a prayer or collect composed by the Church. Moreover, it is in keeping with the poetic and musical character of the psalms that they do not necessarily address God but are sung in God's presence. Thus St. Benedict's instruction: "Let us reflect on what it means to be in the sight of God and his angels, and let us so stand in his presence that our minds are in harmony with our voices,"^[Rule of St. Benedict ch. 19] ¹⁰⁶In praying the psalms we should open our hearts to the different attitudes they express, varying with the literary genre to which each belongs (psalms of grief, trust, gratitude, etc.) and to which biblical scholars rightly attach great importance. ¹⁰⁷Staying close to the meaning of the words, the person who prays the psalms looks for the significance of the text for the human life of the believer. It is clear that each psalm was written in its own individual circumstances, which the titles given for each psalm in the Hebrew psalter are meant to indicate. But whatever its historical origin, each psalm has its own meaning, which we cannot overlook even in our own day. Though the psalms originated very many centuries ago among an Eastern people, they express accurately the pain and hope, the unhappiness and trust of people of every age and country, and sing above all of faith in God, of revelation, and of redemption. ¹⁰⁸Those who pray the psalms in the liturgy of the hours do so not so much in their own name as in the name of the entire Body of Christ. This consideration does away with the problem of a possible discrepancy between personal feelings and the sentiments a psalm is expressing: for example, when a person feels sad and the psalm is one of joy or when a person feels happy and the psalm is one of mourning. Such a problem is readily solved in private prayer, which allows for the choice of a psalm suited to personal feelings. The divine office, however, is not private; the cycle of psalms is public, in the name of the Church, even for those who may be reciting an hour alone. Those who pray the psalms in the name of the Church nevertheless can always find a reason for joy or sadness, for the saying of the Apostle applies in this case also: "Rejoice with the joyful and weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15). In this way human frailty, wounded by self-love, is healed in proportion to the love that makes the heart match the voice that prays the psalms.^[See Rule of St. Benedict ch. 19.] ¹⁰⁹Those who pray the psalms in the name of the Church should be aware of their full sense (sensus plenus), especially their Messianic sense, which was the reason for the Church's introduction of the psalter into its prayer. This Messianic sense was fully revealed in the New Testament and indeed was affirmed publicly by Christ the Lord in person when he said to the apostles: "All that is written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled" (Lk 24:44). The best-known example of this Messianic sense is the dialogue in Matthew's Gospel on the Messiah as Son of David and David's Lord,^[See Mt 22:44ff.] where Ps 110 is interpreted as Messianic. Following this line of thought, the Fathers of the Church saw the whole psalter as a prophecy of Christ and the Church and explained it in this sense; for the same reason the psalms have been chosen for use in the liturgy. Though somewhat contrived interpretations were at times proposed, in general the Fathers and the liturgy itself had the right to hear in the singing of the psalms the voice of Christ crying out to the Father or of the Father conversing with the Son; indeed, they also recognized in the psalms the voice of the Church, the apostles, and the martyrs. This method of interpretation also flourished in the Middle Ages; in many manuscripts of the period the Christological meaning of each psalm was set before those praying by means of the caption prefixed. A Christological meaning is by no means confined to the recognized Messianic psalms but is given also to many others. Some of these interpretations are doubtless Christological only in an accommodated sense, but they have the support of the Church's tradition. On the great feasts especially, the choice of psalms is often based on their Christological meaning and antiphons taken from these psalms are frequently used to throw light on this meaning.

Pray for our Seminarians: Christian Thomas Schwenka, from Holy Family Parish in Heartwell. He entered the Seminary in 2016. 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 ... (April) Universal intention - Fundamental rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.