

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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5th Sunday of Easter *May 2, 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	May 3	7:00 a.m. (8:30am=Rosary)	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	May 4	7:00 a.m.	
Wednesday	May 5	5:30 p.m.	
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	May 6	8:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. Special Intention (jls)
		9:15am	Women's Day Mass (Celebrant=Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt)
Friday	May 7	8:00 a.m.	Janette Howe
		12:10 p.m.	Laura Golden
		5:30 p.m.	Liv/Dec mem of Estrada & Ortega Fam.
		<i>followed by:</i>	<i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & all night Adoration</i>
Saturday	May 8	8:00 a.m.	Carobelle Bartman +
		5:00 p.m.	People of our Parish
Sunday	May 9	10:00 a.m.	Liv/Dec mem. Bode/Ruskamp families

INTENTIONS

Book of Memories / Blessings
 Funeral for Rick Ryan +
 Edward & Edna Rieker +
 Kelsey [Bliss] Rieker

**“Remain in me
 as I remain in you,
 says the Lord ...
 Whoever remains
 in me will bear
 much fruit.”** (Jn 15:4-5)

Stewardship: April 25, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$2,100.00
Loose Plate:\$335.00
Children:\$6.25
Holy Day: (Easter Sunday)..... \$40.00
Total:\$2,481.25

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts **last week:**\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:.....**\$945,823.05**
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:\$0.00
 Southern NE Register:\$0.00
 NP Catholic Food Pantry: ...\$0.00
 CombinedCollectionNon-Specified:\$0.00
 Catholic Communication:\$0.00
 Catholic Home Missions:\$0.00
 Retired Religious:.....\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	May 2	11:30am: Family Formation Classes, Parents & Children (in Person and via Zoom)
Wednesday	May 5	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	May 6	Seven Sisters Apostolate Day of Reflection: 8:00am-3:00pm and 6:30pm-8:30pm
Friday-Saturday	May 7-8	Friday, 6:00pm – Saturday, 8:00am: First Friday Holy Hours / Eucharistic Adoration

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: **May 3:** 7:00pm- Athletic Honors Program, **May 4:** 3:00pm- Best of the Midwest Track, 3:00pm- Golf @ Gothenburg, **May 5:** Senior Honors Assembly, Last Day for Seniors, **May 6:** 9:00am- Golf @ River's Edge, 11:00am- SPVA JH TR @ Hershey, **May 7:** District Baseball, 10:00am- Track @ Arnold, **May 9:** Mother's Day, 1:30pm- St. Pat's 2021 Graduation at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Tuition Assistance Programs: There are tuition funds available for **new and transferring families** through the newly established Diocese of Grand Island Scholarship Program. Applications must be submitted for consideration. There are also funds available through the NPC's Endowment for **current school families.** The Endowment oversees several funds. A description of each fund is on Sycamore or available upon request. Contact the Endowment Office (308-534-5939), w.dodson@npcschools.org. Deadline for consideration is due by Noon on May 28th. All are welcome to apply for the 2021/2022 school year.

North Platte Giving Day: *The NPC's Endowment-Trust, Inc. offers financial resources to teachers pursuing continuing education through the Great Teaching Fund! *Since 1989, the Great Teaching Fund has funded 272 teacher requests totaling nearly \$125,000! The Great Teaching Fund is provided solely through donations to the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment, and we need donors to sustain it! We would appreciate your generous support as we designate this fund during North Platte Giving Day. Online gifts can be made anytime, now through midnight May 5th. Your support benefits our faculty and our students: www.northplattegivingday.org/NPCatholicSchools.

Shorts: Starting May 3 through the end of the school year, students are allowed to wear uniform shorts to school. *No extra pockets, *must be school approved length, *Navy or Khaki allowed.

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

Catholic Daughters ... will meet **May 3, 7:00pm,** in St Pat's Spiritual Life Center. Please bring your rosary & wear a mask; hope to see you!

Family Formation Parent's Meeting ... Our **May Meeting** is on **Sunday, May 2, 11:30am-12:30pm** in Parish Hall, for all parents of School age children, and in person classes for children Grades K-6. Children, Teachers, and Parents will all be asked to wear masks during the classes (similar to what is being done in many schools). Parents are asked to teach their children by their example ... it is important for parents to learn the faith also! **Every day is a school day!**

Unveiled: Discovering the Great Mystery in Your Marriage ... The St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center is hosting this Unveiled Retreat **July 15-17.** Now offered in-person and virtually via livestream! Discover how the great mystery of Christ's love can restore passion, purpose and intimacy in your marriage. In Unveiled, a retreat led by the John Paul II Healing Center, you'll engage topics grounded in Church teaching such as: "Discovering True Love," "A Whole New Look at Your Wedding Day," "Cultivating Intimacy and Unity in Your Marriage," "Understanding Your Marital Conflict," "Healing and Reconciliation in Your Marriage," and "Restoring Sexual Passion and Intimacy in Your Marriage." This retreat is open to singles discerning marriage, dating and engaged couples, and couples who have been married for many years! Learn more and register for this amazing experience at: www.jpriihealingcenter.org. Scholarships available. Email Stephanie & Jude Werner at UnveiledLincoln@gmail.com for more information. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln Office of Family Life.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... **Mon, Oct 13, 7:00pm,** Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

K of C Breakfast Burritos ... There are a **LIMITED number of breakfast burritos remaining from April for purchase in May!** The Knights will again do the Breakfast Burritos in June (**June 13**). Burritos are \$3.00 each, \$15.00 for 6, \$30.00 for 12, etc.

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.

May - July Schedule:

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)

Laying Down Our Lives ... On February 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI said the following in a talk to the Pontifical Academy for Life: "The sacred books, in fact, set out to show God's love for every human being even before he has been formed in his mother's womb. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1: 5), God said to the Prophet Jeremiah. And the Psalmist recognizes with gratitude: "You did form my inward parts, you did knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are your works! You know me right well" (Ps 139:13-14). These words acquire their full, rich meaning when one thinks that God intervenes directly in the creation of the soul of every new human being. God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gen 1:26) in each one. He makes no distinctions because he perceives in all of them a reflection of the face of his Only-begotten Son, whom "he chose ... before the foundation of the world ... He destined us in love to be his sons ... according to the purpose of his will" (Eph 1:4-6)."

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**.

Day for Reflection (Open to all Women) ...

Thursday, May 6 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, for all women. 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 (Meeting ID: 629-734-5912; Password: SEAS2020). Contact: Joan Ryland, 308-520-6800, 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, Rectory, & 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, Rectory, 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!

Which Did God Believe? ...

A large family sat around the table for breakfast one morning. As the custom was, the father returned thanks, blessing God for the food. Immediately afterward, however, as was his bad habit, he began to grumble about hard times, the poor quality of the food he was forced to eat, the way it was cooked, and much more. His little daughter interrupted him with, "Father, do you suppose God heard what you said a little while ago?" "Certainly," replied the father with the confident air of an instructor. "And did He hear what you said about the bacon and the coffee?" "Of course," the father replied but not as confidently as before. And then his little girl asked him again, "Then, Father, which did God believe?"

Prayer To St. Isidore the Farmer ...

O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. AMEN.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Old Pastor / New Administrator ... On Tue., April 27, the Diocesan webpage announced: Rev. Mark E. Seiker is appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Aurora and St. Joseph Parish in Giltner (effective June 14, 2021). Rev. Karl T. Millis is appointed Administrator of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in North Platte. Fr. Karl Millis has been the Administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Auburn, and St. Clara Parish in Peru.

The past fourteen years have been very busy, but very happy years for me. I was ordained to serve the Diocese of Lincoln. I am pleased that Bishop Conley sees me as being able to serve the needs of the Church in Central Nebraska. At the same time, it will be difficult for me to leave, as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has become my home, as well as the North Platte Catholic Community. There is much to do and be in the next month. During the next month, and after that, let us continue to pray for each other.

Results of the Parish Council Elections ...

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Parish Council: **Ron Tejral** and **Cindy Swanson**. Thank you to all those whose names were on the ballot and to those who voted. Thank you to Kanen Hammond and Spencer Hampton, who have completed their terms on the Parish Council. I appreciate each of the persons who have served on the parish council, & the gift of time & effort to the Parish through their time given to Council & the many extra ways they shared their talents.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	May 1	St. Joseph the Worker <i>(Opt. Memorial)</i>
Sunday:	May 2	5th Sunday of Easter
Monday:	May 3	Saints Philip & James <i>(Feast)</i>
Tuesday:	May 4	Easter Weekday <i>(Wk. 5)</i>
Wednesday:	May 5	Easter Weekday <i>(Wk. 5)</i>
Thursday:	May 6	Easter Weekday <i>(Wk. 5)</i>
Friday:	May 7	Easter Weekday <i>(Wk. 5)</i>
Saturday:	May 8	Easter Weekday <i>(Wk. 5)</i>
Sunday:	May 9	6th Sunday of Easter

Prayers for the sick: Daniel Nisley, Spencer Bale, Kim Prenosil, Kerry Heskett (Ben Heskett's sister), 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: Rick Ryan, 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 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 Cloutre, Bernadine Torres, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 5/1 - Justin Hampton, 5/2 - Cindy Keck, Greg Vandenberg, 5/4 - Kathy Burr, 5/5 - Ronald Tejral.

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

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

IN BRIEF

2590 “Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God” (St. John Damascene, *De fide orth.* 3, 24:PG 94, 1089C).

2591 God tirelessly calls each person to this mysterious encounter with Himself. Prayer unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation as a reciprocal call between God and man.

2592 The prayer of Abraham and Jacob is presented as a battle of faith marked by trust in God’s faithfulness and by certitude in the victory promised to perseverance.

2593 The prayer of Moses responds to the living God’s initiative for the salvation of his people. It foreshadows the prayer of intercession of the unique mediator, Christ Jesus.

2594 The prayer of the People of God flourished in the shadow of the dwelling place of God’s presence on earth, the ark of the covenant and the Temple, under the guidance of their shepherds, especially King David, and of the prophets.

2595 The prophets summoned the people to conversion of heart and, while zealously seeking the face of God, like Elijah, they interceded for the people.

2596 The Psalms constitute the masterwork of prayer in the Old Testament. They present two inseparable qualities: the personal, and the communal. They extend to all dimensions of history, recalling God’s promises already fulfilled and looking for the coming of the Messiah.

2597 Prayed and fulfilled in Christ, the Psalms are an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church. They are suitable for men of every condition and time.

Pray for our Seminarians: at St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Mount St. Mary Seminary, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and the North American College in Rome.

Pray for our Religious Sisters: Sr. Kateri Toler of Mobile, Alabama, and Sr. Bethany Orr of Los Angeles, California. They are both novices at the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS ... (May)

Universal intention - The world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.