

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter* *May 9, 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](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	May 10	8:00 a.m.	Greg Vandenberg (bap)
Tuesday	May 11	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Monica Kramer & Family
*** ** Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) *** **			
Wednesday	May 12	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Elli (Fugate) Schmidt
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>			
Thursday	May 13	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Special Intention (jls)
		<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	People of our Parish
		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Ben Seiker (~bap)
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Friday	May 14	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Justin Connelly (~bd)
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Anna Lee
Saturday	May 15	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	People of our Parish
Sunday	May 16	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Eloise Kramer +

**INTENTIONS**

**“Whoever loves me  
will keep my word,  
says the Lord,  
and my Father  
will love him and we  
will come to him.”**  
*(Jn 14:23)*

**Stewardship: May 2, 2021**

<p><b>Adult Envelopes:</b> .....\$2,268.00  <b>Loose Plate:</b> .....\$41.00  <b>Children:</b> .....\$0.00  <b>Holy Day:</b> ..... \$0.00  <b>Total:</b> .....\$2,309.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Joy of the Gospel Campaign</u></b></p> <p>Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00          Gifts last week: .....\$100.00  <b>Total Gifts Received:.....\$945,873.05</b>  <b>Original DIAL Loan:.....1,485,000.00</b>  <b>Total Received (CTTF Camp):\$1,025,440.07</b>  <b>Misc Donations Received:.....\$739,940.31</b>  <b>Total Payments on Loan:.....\$1,765,812.77</b>  <b>Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$0.00</b></p>	<p>Southern NE Register: .....\$0.00          NP Catholic Food Pantry: ...\$0.00</p>
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**Parish Calendar**

Monday	May 10	<b>7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting</b> in Parish Hall (in Person and via Zoom)
Wednesday	May 12	<b>6:00pm – 10:00pm:</b> Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday	May 13	<b>1:00pm:</b> Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky)
Sunday	May 16	<b>4:00pm:</b> Catholic Gospel Concert at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

**Catholic School News:**

**Last Day:** The last day of school will be May 20<sup>th</sup> with a Noon dismissal! Have a great summer, everyone!  
**North Platte Catholic School: Faith & Knowledge for a Brighter Future**

**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.jp2ihealingcenter.org](http://www.jp2ihealingcenter.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.

**Catholic Gospel Concert ...**

On **Sunday, May 16** at **4:00pm, Holy Spirit Catholic Church** will host **John Robert Hanna** of Versailles, IN, for a music concert. John has played numerous concerts, conventions, led worship in countless liturgies at parishes/schools, and has led and formed bands for YOUTH2000 events in Iowa for over 10 years. Free-will donation.

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

**Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, May 10, 7:00pm,** in person in the Parish Hall (*observing a Social Distance*) **and** via Zoom. **All Knights are invited to participate.** If you have never used Zoom before or have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker BEFORE the meeting.

**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.

**Give The Knights Your Cans ...** The cans will be sold and profit from recycling the cans will be used for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. You may drop off the cans in the barrels in front of the storage shed (at southwest corner of parking lot).

**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**.

**Jerry Campbell Pro-Life Walk ... Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 10:00am.** The walk will start at St. Patrick Catholic Church and walk to Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Lunch will be provided after the walk. If you have any questions you can contact any of the three Catholic Churches.

## **Good Counsel Retreat House Retreats ...**

Register for Online & in person Retreats sponsored by Good Counsel Retreat House [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com), 402-786-2705, or [goodcounsel@cdolinc.net](mailto:goodcounsel@cdolinc.net).

### **June - July Schedule:**

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)

## **A Prayer for Those Afraid of their**

**Motherhood** ... Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors. Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord. [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org)

## **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?"

## **TOTUS TUUS (A Summer Catechetical Program) ...**

A Totus Tuus team has been scheduled to come to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church from **July 17 – 23, 2021**. This has been a very good program for our parish. Please mark your calendars and encourage youth to attend. Parents plan to send your children and invite others!

Please fill out a [Registration Form](http://www.seas-np.org/) (available in the Narthex or on the Parish webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/> and return it [through the mail or in the collection]). The cost is \$15.00 per child or \$40.00 for three or more family members.

This year's Theme is *10 Commandments, and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary*. **Grades 1-8 meet Mon.-Fri. 9:00am - 3:00pm.** The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. Participants in the grade school program should bring a sack lunch and recess equipment. **Grades 9-12 meet Sun.-Thu., 8:00pm-10:00pm.**

**TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN!!!** The youthfulness and energy of the team is contagious, come out and join us!!! All are invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The Diocesan Coordinators & Team encourage those in Grades 7-8 to attend the day sessions rather than the High School sessions.

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

Thanks to those who have made their 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). 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 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!

## **State Senators Block LB364 ...**

On Wednesday (April 28), 20 State Senators prioritized politics over parents' rights. After eight hours of vigorous debate on the Legislative floor, the cloture vote to end debate and take a vote on the bill failed 29 to 18 (two Senators were "present-not voting"). LB364 would have needed 33 votes to overcome the filibuster. Send a message to your senator now about their vote. Go to: [https://www.votervoice.net/NECATHOLIC/Campaigns/84515/Response?fbclid=IwAR06t4icFGx3ulAdRtoax\\_SbtYySWVXboOL3-jJ0qZ8A6gmG8xGkvpVZwI](https://www.votervoice.net/NECATHOLIC/Campaigns/84515/Response?fbclid=IwAR06t4icFGx3ulAdRtoax_SbtYySWVXboOL3-jJ0qZ8A6gmG8xGkvpVZwI)

Although many senators were swayed by misinformation and special interest groups, there were many senators who gave passionate and convincing speeches in support of helping low-income families have educational choice. Watch morning debate here, and check out Senator Justin Wayne's speech at 29:12. [https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=147451850661309&ref=watch\\_permalink](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=147451850661309&ref=watch_permalink)

We are so grateful for Senator Lou Ann Linehan for her tireless championing of school choice and fighting for children and parents! Please send her a message of thanks at [linehan@leg.ne.gov](mailto:linehan@leg.ne.gov).

Thank you to all of you for your prayers and advocacy over the past several months. We will continue to advocate for educational freedom in Nebraska and for giving all kids a chance at a better future!

## **IHM Counseling Center ...**

Our trained clinicians at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center (IHMCC) are here for you if you are facing any mental health challenges. We have telehealth counseling services for those dealing with anxiety and loneliness. Reach out to us at 402-489-1834 or: [www.immaculateheartcounseling.org](http://www.immaculateheartcounseling.org)

## **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.

## Liturgical Ministers

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

## Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	May 8	Easter Weekday (Wk. 5)
Sunday:	May 9	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
Monday:	May 10	Easter Weekday (Wk. 6) St. Damien de Veuster (Opt. Memorial)
Tuesday:	May 11	Easter Weekday (Wk. 6)
Wednesday:	May 12	Easter Weekday (Wk. 6), Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, St. Pancras (Opt. Memorial)
Thursday:	May 13	The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)
Friday:	May 14	St. Matthias (Feast)
Saturday:	May 15	Easter Weekday (Wk. 6) St. Isidore (Opt. Memorial)
Sunday:	May 16	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>

**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:** 5/10 - Loren Baxa, 5/16 - Jon Schmid.

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

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

##### ARTICLE 2: IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

**2598** The drama of prayer is fully revealed to us in the Word who became flesh and dwells among us. To seek to understand his prayer through what his witnesses proclaim to us in the Gospel is to approach the holy Lord Jesus as Moses approached the burning bush: first to contemplate him in prayer, then to hear how he teaches us to pray, in order to know how he hears our prayer.

##### **Jesus Prays**

**2599** The Son of God who became Son of the Virgin also learned to pray according to his human heart. He learns the formulas of prayer from his mother, who kept in her heart and meditated upon all the "great things" done by the Almighty.<sup>41</sup> He learns to pray in the words and rhythms of the prayer of his people, in the synagogue at Nazareth and the Temple at Jerusalem. But his prayer springs from an otherwise secret source, as he intimates at the age of twelve: "I must be in my Father's house."<sup>42</sup> Here the newness of prayer in the fullness of time begins to be revealed: his filial prayer, which the Father awaits from his children, is finally going to be lived out by the only Son in his humanity, with and for men.

<sup>41</sup> Cf. Lk 1:49 The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

Cf. Lk 2:19 And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Cf. Lk 2:51 He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

<sup>42</sup> Lk 2:49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

**2600** The Gospel according to St. Luke emphasizes the action of the Holy Spirit and the meaning of prayer in Christ's ministry. Jesus prays before the decisive moments of his mission: before his Father's witness to him during his baptism and Transfiguration, and before his own fulfillment of the Father's plan of love by his Passion.<sup>43</sup> He also prays before the decisive moments involving the mission of his apostles: at his election and call of the Twelve, before Peter's confession of him as "the Christ of God," and again that the faith of the chief of the Apostles may not fail when tempted.<sup>44</sup> Jesus' prayer before the events of salvation that the Father has asked him to fulfill is a humble and trusting commitment of his human will to the loving will of the Father.

<sup>43</sup> Cf. Lk 3:21 After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened.

Cf. Lk 9:28 About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.

Cf. Lk 22:41-44 <sup>41</sup>After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, <sup>42</sup>saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." <sup>43</sup>And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. <sup>44</sup>He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.

<sup>44</sup> Cf. Lk 6:12 In those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God.

Cf. Lk 9:18-20 <sup>18</sup>Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" <sup>19</sup>They said in reply, "John the Baptist; other, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Messiah of God."

Cf. Lk 22:32 But I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.

**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. Gabriel Perry, Novice, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Sr. Pia Marie, Junior Sister, of Lincoln, NE. They are both 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.

# Congratulations graduates!

## NORTH PLATTE ST. PATRICK'S CLASS OF 2021



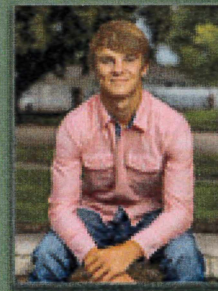
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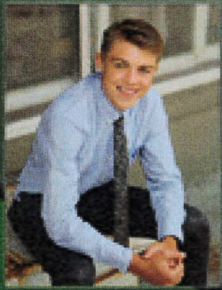
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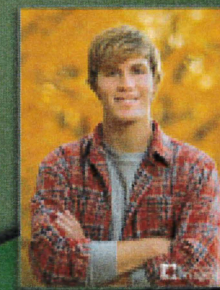
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JACKSON LAKE



NATHAN MOATS



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