

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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7th Sunday of Easter *May 16, 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 17		
Tuesday	May 18	5:30 P.M.	
Wednesday	May 20	5:30 p.m.	
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	May 21	8:00 a.m.	
Friday	May 22	12:10 p.m.	
		5:30 p.m.	
Saturday	May 23	5:00 p.m.	
Sunday	May 24	10:00 a.m.	

INTENTIONS

- No Scheduled Parish Mass -
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
 Gilbert & Nadine Rieker +
 Special Intention (jls)
 Martha Burbach +
 Fr. Rudy Oborny +
 Gemma Volkmer
 People of our Parish

**I will not leave you
 orphans, say the
 Lord. I will come
 back to you, and your
 hearts will rejoice.”**

(Jn 14:18)

Stewardship: May 9, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$1,670.00
Loose Plate:\$898.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: 0\$0.00
Total:\$2,568.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts **last week:**\$100.00
Total Gifts Received:**\$945,973.05**
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:.....\$1,765,812.77
Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... **\$0.00**

Southern NE Register:\$0.00
 NP Catholic Food Pantry: ...\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday May 16 **4:00pm:** Catholic Gospel Concert at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
 Wednesday May 19 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration
 Thursday May 20 **1:00pm:** Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky)
 Friday/Saturday May 21/22 Fanning the Flame Retreat at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Catholic School News:

Last Day: May 16: 2:00pm- Open house. Tour the new facilities and learn more about the summer projects! St. Pat's High School—ALL are welcome. **May 17-18:** District Golf, **May 19-20:** NSAA Track, **May 20:** Last day of school, noon dismissal.

Alumni Reunion: The 2021 St. Pat's High School Alumni Reunion Weekend, July 2-3. **July 2:** St. Pat's Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament River's Edge Golf Course- Registration @ 9:30am, Golf @ 11:00am. \$300 per team, includes lunch and cart. *Hole-in-One contests *First Annual St. Pat's Alumni BALL DROP *Post-Golf Social at Another Round. **July 3:** 3rd Campus Open House 11:00am-1:00pm *School facilities open for tours *Yearbook display & refreshments in the SPSHS cafeteria. Reunion Banquet: 5:00pm-Social, 6:00pm-Dinner Prairie Arts Center (416 N. Jeffers). \$35 per person. Register Online: www.bidpal.net/spalumni Call: 308-534-5939, E-Mail: w.dodson@npcschools.org

Student of the Month: The May student of the month is Gabriella Swift. Teachers and Student Council members vote on a student to receive this honor. Gabriella, an 8th grader, is the daughter of Joe and Gretchen Swift of North Platte. Her school activities include volleyball, basketball, track, honor roll and she was recently elected to be on the Strutters Dance Team for next year. Outside of school she finds time to volunteer at parish events and is a server at Mass. She and her family are members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Gabriella has an older brother, Jacob Swift. He is a graduate of St. Pat's and is now a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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

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.

"Fanning the Flame" Retreat ... This retreat will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on May 21st, 7:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday May 22nd, 9:00am-4:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Please register before May 18th. Call the Parish Office at 308-534-6623. Bishop Hanefeldt is scheduled to be there in the morning.

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).

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.

How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul ... Book Study for High School Girls, Sunday, June 6, 2021, 7:00pm. The study is for young ladies that are incoming Sophomores – outgoing Seniors. Led by Amber Thomas & Makaela Barron & continue for 6 weeks. The study is FREE, but you must register by calling Makaela 308-532-0942.

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. 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.

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.

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)

The Glory of the Ascension ...

Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne.

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](#) (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.

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

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

The results thus far are: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton goal is **\$8,260.00!** The pledges so far total \$10,330.00, and \$6,190.00 has already been paid. There were 20 persons who pledged more in 2021 than in 2020 for a total of \$950.00 MORE! There were 0 persons who gave less in 2021 than in 2020, for a total of \$0.00 less. There were 12 persons who gave the same that they gave last year for a total of \$2,580.00. May the Lord reward you for your contributions and for giving what you have to Him. **There are still 46 cards out! If you haven't made your pledge, please do so when called on. Please remember to be faithful to your pledges!**

On May 23, (Solemnity of Pentecost 2021, the Sunday & holy day Mass obligation will be restored in the Lincoln Diocese.

I have joined my brother bishops, Archbishop Lucas and Bishop Hanefeldt in making this announcement. During the season of Easter the Southern Nebraska Register will publish a catechetical series on this. Yet, I would like to use the occasion of this announcement by recalling the deepest reasons why Catholics have a grave obligation to attend Mass as well as clarify, in light of COVID-19, when the obligation does not apply.

The reason all Catholics have a grave obligation of being physically present for Mass on Sundays and holy days is because the Eucharist is at the heart of what it is to be a Christian. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord is truly present. When the Mass is celebrated, heaven comes to earth and the redemption Jesus attained on the cross comes to us personally. When the scriptures are proclaimed, God Himself speaks to His people.

In Holy Communion, when we receive him worthily, that is, without mortal sin, we are physically and spiritually united to Him and to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Likewise, participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays is the primary way that we keep the Lord's Day holy and so live out the third Commandment. These are some of the deepest reasons why there is an obligation and why we should freely want to fulfill this obligation.

Nevertheless, there are certain instances when a person is "excused for a serious reason" (CCC 2181) from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days. A serious reason occurs when one is physically or morally prevented from attending. For example, if a person is sick from a bodily illness or if one has no means of reasonable transportation, then he or she is physically prevented from attending Mass and the obligation no longer applies.

Likewise, if a parent is taking care of a sick child, or if military personnel would compromise their duty for the common good, then one is morally prevented from attending Mass & the obligation no longer applies. It is my hope & prayer that the Holy Spirit will continue to bring us all together as a Catholic community throughout the Easter season & that Pentecost will be a time of vital renewal in the Church in Southern NE.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Parish Gathering for Father Mark Seiker's being transferred to Aurora. ... (Sunday, May 23, 2021, beginning at 11:15am/11:30am) (after the 10:00am Mass).

Seating will be in the Parish Hall & in classrooms in the Parish Hall. (If some persons want to sit at a table outside on the concrete or blacktop, please reply to this email and enough tables will be set up for those requesting) **[Please note: tables will NOT be set up outside unless requested.]**

Menu will be: Fried Chicken, potatoe salad, potatoe chips, macaroni salad, cold slaw, coffee, water, ice cream. (all food will be provided ... parishioners do NOT need to bring anything - please come & enjoy time with each other).

Mortgage Burning ... After the meal, we will have a small, informal, burning of a copy of the mortgage paper (DIAL LOAN paper).

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, & 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 this month, & after that, we continue to pray for each other.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	May 15	Easter Wkday (Wk. 6) St. Isidore (Opt. Mem)
Sunday:	May 16	7th Sunday of Easter
Monday:	May 17	Easter Weekday (Wk. 7)
Tuesday:	May 18	Easter Wkday (Wk. 7) St. John I (Opt. Mem)
Wednesday:	May 19	Easter Weekday (Wk. 7)
Thursday:	May 20	Easter Weekday (Wk. 7) St. Bernardine of Siena (Opt. Memorial)
Friday:	May 21	Easter Weekday (Wk. 7), St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions (Opt. Memorial)
Saturday:	May 22	Easter Weekday (Wk. 7) St. Rita of Cascia (Opt. Memorial)
Sunday:	May 23	Pentecost Sunday

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 Clouatre, 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 Clouatre, Bernadine Torres, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 5/16 - Jon Schmid, 5/17 - Kyle Troyer, 5/18 - Charles Barron, 5/19 - Jarrod Connelly, Blake Niesen.

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

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

2601 "He was praying in a certain place and when he had ceased, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'"⁴⁵ In seeing the Master at prayer the disciple of Christ also wants to pray. By contemplating and hearing the Son, the master of prayer, the children learn to pray to the Father.

⁴⁵ *Lk 11:1* He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

2602 Jesus often draws apart to pray in solitude, on a mountain, preferably at night.⁴⁶ He includes all men in his prayer, for he has taken on humanity in his incarnation, and he offers them to the Father when he offers himself. Jesus, the Word who has become flesh, shares by his human prayer in all that "his brethren" experience; he sympathizes with their weaknesses in order to free them.⁴⁷ It was for this that the Father sent him. His words and works are the visible manifestation of his prayer in secret.

⁴⁶ *Cf. Mk 1:35* Rising very early before dawn, he left off and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.

Cf. Mk 6:46 And when he had taken leave of them, he went off to the mountain to pray.

Cf. Lk 5:16 ... but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray.

⁴⁷ *Cf. Heb 2:12, 15* ¹²... saying: "I will proclaim your name to my brothers, in the midst of the assembly, I will praise you ... ¹⁵and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life.

Cf. Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.

2603 The evangelists have preserved two more explicit prayers offered by Christ during his public ministry. Each begins with thanksgiving. In the first, Jesus confesses the Father, acknowledges, and blesses him because he has hidden the mysteries of the Kingdom from those who think themselves learned and has revealed them to infants, the poor of the Beatitudes.⁴⁸ His exclamation, "Yes, Father!" expresses the depth of his heart, his adherence to the Father's "good pleasure," echoing his mother's Fiat at the time of his conception and prefiguring what he will say to the Father in his agony. The whole prayer of Jesus is contained in this loving adherence of his human heart to the mystery of the will of the Father.⁴⁹

⁴⁸ *Cf. Mt 11:25-27* ²⁵At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. ²⁶Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

Cf. Lk 10:21-23 ²¹At that very moment he rejoiced (in) the Holy Spirit and said, "I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. ²²All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." ²³Turning to the disciples in private he said, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see."

⁴⁹ *Cf. Eph 1:9* He has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him.

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. Faustina, of Shenandoah, Iowa, and Sr. Joan Kolbe, of Wall, South Dakota. They are both Junior Sisters 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.