

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday *May 23, 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 24 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday May 25 **7:00 a.m.**
 Wednesday May 26 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
 Thursday May 27 8:00 a.m.
 Friday May 28
 Saturday May 29 **5:00 p.m.**
 Sunday May 30 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

Benjamin Rieker
 MaKenna Ketter
 John Rieker
 Special Intention (jls)
 - No Scheduled Parish Mass -
 Alice Robinson (~bd)
 People of our Parish

**Come, Holy Spirit,
 fill the hearts of
 Your faithful and
 kindle in them the
 fire of Your love."**

Stewardship: May 16, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$2,321.00
Loose Plate:\$48.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: (Ascension Thursday) .. \$500.00
Total:\$2,568.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts **last week:**\$0.00
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 23 **11:00am:** Farewell Event for Fr. Seiker in Parish Hall
 Wednesday May 26 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration
 Thursday May 27 **1:00pm:** Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky)

Catholic School News:

Last Day: The last day of school was May 20th. Have a GREAT summer!

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

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

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.

Diocesan Canoe Trip ... This is open to high school youth and college students. Adults are also invited along as sponsors/drivers. Join us in a couple of lazy days along the Niobrara River, along with fellowship, Mass and a lot of fun! Hurry, because space is limited: **July 11-13, 2021** [20 spots remaining] and **July 13-15, 2021** [58 spots remaining] are the two options. To register go to www.lincolndiocese.org/canoe.

PARTY WITH THE PASTOR (St. John, Cambridge) ...

Raffle Drawing for a Dinner Party for Six (6). Prepared & Hosted by our very own Father Kenneth Wehrs! Winner selects the meal. Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Please contact Barb Langley (308-362-9094) or Diane Schultz (620-327-2486) to purchase tickets. The drawing will be June 16, 2021. Need not be present to win. All proceeds will support St John's Altar Society projects. If you would like to share this in your bulletin we would appreciate it. We love our pastor, he is amazing not only as our priest, but as a gourmet cook, and we want to share knowing him with other Catholics or anyone interested that lives in the area.

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.

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).

Steubenville Conference ... This is specialized to address the needs of today's Catholic youth. With an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians and presenters, the High School Youth Conferences challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, to rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ as their guide, friend and Savior, and to show them that faith to the world. Expect a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. Students entering 9th Grade through just graduated Seniors are able to attend, but there are only 35 more spots remaining. Register at www.lincolndiocese.org/steubenville.

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.jpjihealingcenter.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)

Pentecost Voice ... The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, former President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."

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.

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.

RESOURCES related to Sunday Mass Obligation and participating in Sunday Mass ... an **excellent 6 minute video from Bishop Thomas Olmsted**

- NEW: **Make Sunday feel like Sunday again** – YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9v0exRVtEYg>
- Also, I encourage you to click on the following link in order to **read Bishop Olmsted's most recent Apostolic Exhortation "Veneremur Cernui – Down in Adoration Falling"** <https://dphx.org/veneremur-cernui/>

Links to articles written by Fr. Andrew Heaslip regarding the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation:

- **Why do we have an obligation to attend Mass?-II** <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/news/diocesan-news/15068-why-do-we-have-an-obligation-to-attend-mass-i>
- **Why do we have an obligation to attend Mass?-II** <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/news/diocesan-news/15107-why-do-we-have-an-obligation-to-attend-mass-ii>

The Man of the Shroud ... Spirit Catholic Radio is bringing to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton an up-close experience of the most studied artifact of all time – The Shroud of Turin, what many believe to be the authentic burial cloth of Christ. Their newest traveling exhibit, **The Man of the Shroud, will include 42 beautifully-designed panels on display in the Parish Hall from May 30 - June 5**. Viewing Times are:

- Sunday, May 30 ... 12:00pm – 5:00pm.
- Monday, May 31 – Saturday, June 5 ... 9:00am – 5:00pm.

This exhibit will raise the questions, "Could the Shroud be the most important archaeological artifact ever found? Does it provide clues to what happened during the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?" On **June 5, at 2:30pm, Shroud expert, Jim Bertrand, M.Ed.** of the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud, **will give a special presentation and a rare viewing of a Shroud replica**, as well as replicas of the Crown of Thorns, whips, nails and Holy Sponge used in the Passion of Our Lord. For more information on this exhibit, visit www.spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Fr. Seiker's schedule ... Thu. May 27 – Sat. May 29, picking up the Man of the Shroud Display in Omaha, time with family, participating in Deacon Ordinations on Friday and Priest Ordinations on Saturday. I will return on Saturday afternoon for Confessions & Mass. If there is an emergency for which you need a Priest, please call: Fr. Bernard Kimminau, Curtis (308-367-4280), Fr. Tom Bush, Grant (308-352-4803), Fr. Josh Brown, St. Patrick (532-0942), Fr. Sauger, Holy Spirit (534-6623).

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, potato salad, potato 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.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector	
Acolyte	
Server	
Music	
Gifts	
Ushers	
Rosary	

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	May 23	Easter Wkday (Wk7); St Rita of Cascia (Opt Mem)
Sunday:	May 24	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	May 25	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Church (Mem)
Tuesday:	May 26	Ord. Time Wkday (Wk. 8) St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi (Opt. Mem)
Wednesday:	May 27	St. Philip Neri (Memorial)
Thursday:	May 28	Weekday in Ordinary Time (Wk. 8) St. Augustine of Canterbury (Opt. Mem)
Friday:	May 29	Ordinary Time Weekday (Wk. 8)
Saturday:	May 30	Ord. Time Wkday (Wk 8) St. Paul VI (Opt Mem)
Sunday:	May 31	The Most Holy Trinity

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 Schneeweis (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: 5/25 - Brock Devore, 5/27 - Leo Hampton, 5/28 - Alice Robinson, 5/29 - Forrest Kain, Cody Leathers, 5/30 - Jerry Beckius,

Congratulations: to Jeff & Peggy Orr who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary May 30.

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

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

2604 The second prayer, before the raising of Lazarus, is recorded by St. John.⁵⁰ Thanksgiving precedes the event: "Father, I thank you for having heard me," which implies that the Father always hears his petitions. Jesus immediately adds: "I know that you always hear me," which implies that Jesus, on his part, constantly made such petitions. Jesus' prayer, characterized by thanksgiving, reveals to us how to ask: before the gift is given, Jesus commits himself to the One who in giving gives himself. The Giver is more precious than the gift; he is the "treasure"; in him abides his Son's heart; the gift is given "as well."⁵¹ The priestly prayer of Jesus holds a unique place in the economy of salvation.⁵² A meditation on it will conclude Section One. It reveals the ever present prayer of our High Priest and, at the same time, contains what he teaches us about our prayer to our Father, which will be developed in Section Two.

50 Cf. Jn 11:41-42 ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. ⁴²I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."

51 Mt 6:21, 33 ²¹For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be ... ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

52 Cf. Jn 17 ¹When Jesus had said this, he raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, ²just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. ³Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. ⁴I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. ⁶"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, ⁸because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, ¹⁰and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. ¹²When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. ¹⁴I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. ¹⁷Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. ¹⁹And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth. ²⁰"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. ²²And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

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. Megan Therese, Jr. Sister, of Elkhorn, Nebraska, and Sr. Joy Le, Novice, 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.