

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*** ***April 14, 2019***

***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**

#### **C.C.D. Programs**

Sunday mornings (Sept-May) 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)**

For those interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church. Usually on Wednesdays (Sept-May), 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Monday Apr. 15 **7:00 a.m.**  
 Tuesday Apr. 16 **7:30 p.m.**  
 Wednesday Apr. 17 **5:30 p.m.**  
**6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus**  
 Holy Thursday Apr. 18 **7:00 p.m.**  
*followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration until midnight*  
 Good Friday Apr. 19 **12:10 p.m.**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
 Holy Saturday Apr. 20 **9:00 p.m.**  
 Easter Sunday Apr. 21 10:00 a.m.

**INTENTIONS**

Elizabeth (Liz) Haag  
 Anna Lee  
 Ray Ruskamp +  
 Lori Hamil +  
 Stations of the Cross/Seven Last Words  
 -- Good Friday Liturgy --  
 People of our Parish  
 Nancy Rieker

***The Lord GOD  
 is my help,  
 therefore I am  
 not disgraced.***  
 — Isaiah 50:7a

**Stewardship: April 7, 2019**

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| <b>Adult Envelopes:</b> ..... | \$2,165.00 |
| <b>Loose Plate:</b> .....     | \$1,188.00 |
| <b>Children:</b> .....        | \$3.00     |
| <b>Holy Day:</b> 0 .....      | \$0.00     |
| <b>Total:</b> .....           | \$3,356.00 |

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| <b><u>Joy of the Gospel Campaign</u></b> |                     |
| Total Pledged: .....                     | \$958,770.00        |
| Gifts last week: .....                   | \$1,860.00          |
| <b>Total Gifts Received:</b> .....       | <b>\$809,348.05</b> |
| 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: .....            | \$1,626,980.04      |
| Balance on DIAL LOAN: .....              | \$133,871.31        |

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| Southern NE Register: .....              | \$15.00 |
| Combined Collection Non-Specified: ..... | \$6.00  |
| American Bishops Overseas: .....         | \$0.00  |
| Black & Indian Collection: .....         | \$0.00  |
| Catholic Communication: .....            | \$0.00  |
| Catholic Home Missions: .....            | \$25.00 |
| Catholic University: .....               | \$0.00  |
| Retired Religious: .....                 | \$25.00 |

**Parish Calendar**

Sunday Apr. 14 11:00am CCD CLASSES **11:00am Knights of Columbus Breakfast**  
 Monday Apr. 15 **5:00pm Chrism Mass** (Cathedral in Lincoln)  
 Wednesday Apr. 17 6:00-10:00pm=Eucharistic Adoration **NO RCIA Class** 7:00pm=Confessions (2 Priests available)  
 Thursday Apr. 18 **7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper** (Adoration until Midnight)  
 Friday Apr. 19 **12:10pm Stations of the Cross/Seven Last Words** **7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy**  
 Saturday Apr. 20 **9:00pm Easter Vigil**  
 Sunday Apr. 21 **10:00am Easter Sunday Mass - NO CCD**

**Catholic School News:**

**A Reminder to all Currently Enrolled Families!:** Please take time to log in to Sycamore and Re-Enroll your students for the 2019-2020 School Year. Once you have logged in please go to My School; Enrollment; Online Portal. This is also where you can add students if you have new preschooler to add to NPC's classes for next year. Need help with Sycamore: contact Jennifer Winder [j.winder@npcschools.org](mailto:j.winder@npcschools.org).

**Upcoming Events:** 4/13-ACT Test Date; 10am Track @ Sutherland; 4/14-Palm Sunday; 4/15 - 8:05am Student Council Officer Elections; 4/16 - 10am Stations of the Cross; 10am Golf @ Perkins Co; 4/17 - 10am TR@ Arapahoe; 10am JH Track at Sutherland; 4/18 - Holy Thursday; 10am Track @ Hershey; 4/19 - No School Good Friday (School Resumes on 4/25); Enjoy the extended Easter Break and please pray for our Teachers who are headed to NCEA in Chicago.

**'KISS' a Senior Goodbye - Fundraiser for Flood Relief...:** Here's your chance to appreciate our Seniors before they graduate. \$5 allows you to purchase a treat bag of Kisses with a personalized message from you! These are great purchases for Little Bros/Sisters, Prayer Partners, McDaid Aides, etc. Print your own gift tag from Sycamore to personalize (handwritten or typed) and return to the front office at either McDaid or St. Patrick's. Seniors will receive their special message with treats on Mon - 4/29. Please get your message and payment to us by Thu - 4/25. This event is sponsored by St. Patrick's Student Council. Proceeds will be put towards flood relief victims.

**Congratulations to the NP St. Patrick's Prom Royalty of 2019** Junior Attendants Brooklyn Childers and Charlie Gale; Senior Attendants Kateri Noffsinger and James Roberts; KING: Jacob Swift and QUEEN: Hannah Kummer.

**North Platte Catholic School:**  
**Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future**

**Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Apr 14** in the Parish Hall after 10:00am Mass; serving pancakes, eggs, fixings, biscuits & gravy, coffee & juices. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missalettes.

**Couples Day Long Retreat ...** There will be a Day Long Retreat for couples experiencing primary or secondary infertility held in Lincoln on May 5th from 9:00am-3:30pm, led by Fr. Tim Danek with other guest speakers. Cost is \$40 and includes Mass and brunch. Sign up/more info at: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/infertility-retreat>

**Healing the Whole Person ...** presented by the John Paul II Healing Center Team on July 11-13, 2019. This seminar provides the opportunity to learn about and experience the healing power of God in the wholeness of body, soul and spirit. St. Peter Church, 4500 Duxhall Drive, Lincoln, NE. Register at: [www.JPIIHealingCenter.org](http://www.JPIIHealingCenter.org). Early registration is open now and ends on April 29. For scholarships, student and missionary discounts email [LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com).

**Day of Equipping ...** presented by Bart Schuchts, John Paul II Healing Center, on July 12, 2019. This training is designed to equip and prepare you to live more fully into the mission of Christ. During this training you will encounter the Father's love and be inspired to live more fully in God's purpose for your life. St. Peter Church, 4500 Duxhall Drive, Lincoln, NE. Register at: [www.JPIIHealingCenter.org](http://www.JPIIHealingCenter.org). Early registration is open now and ends on April 29. For scholarships, student, & missionary discounts, email [LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com).

**Forty Hours Audio Talks ...** by Dr. Michael Barber are available from our parish webpage. From home page, click red letters "Eucharistic Adoration". Stay close to the Eucharist & invite others. (Tue's talk available soon!)

**Jesus' Death is Our Example ...** Jesus, who upon entering into the world said: "I have come, O God, to do your will" (cf. Heb 10:9), made himself obedient to the Father in everything and, "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1), giving himself completely for them. He who had come "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45), attains on the Cross the heights of love: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). And he died for us while we were yet sinners (cf. Rom 5:8). In this way Jesus proclaims that life finds its center, its meaning and its fulfillment when it is given up. At this point our meditation becomes praise and thanksgiving, and at the same time urges us to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps (cf. 1 Pt 2:21). We too are called to give our lives for our brothers and sisters, and thus to realize in the fullness of truth the meaning and destiny of our existence. Pope St. John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n. 51.

**No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion** ... parishioners are encouraged to join a Study by Dr. Edward Sri in Parish Hall on **various evenings**. Study Guides available=Parish Office.

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|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | <b>7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm</b>          | 7:00pm                   | 7:00pm                    |
| Will Not Meet in Holy Week (April 14 – 20) |   |                          |                           |
| #6   | <b>Bonus Video:</b><br>The Resurrection | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Apr 23 | <b>Thursday</b><br>Apr 25 |

**CHRISM MASS** ... On Monday, 4/15/19, the Mass for the Blessing of the Holy Oils (the Chrism Mass), will be prayed in the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln at 5:00pm. At this Mass, over 100 priests will be concelebrating with the Bishop to show the unity of the Church in our own Diocese. All are welcome to attend!

**RICE BOWL OFFERINGS** ... The Church instructs us to bring gifts for the poor in the offertory on Holy Thursday. That would be a very fitting time to bring your Rice Bowl contributions (the fruits of your Lenten fasting & sacrifices) to Church & put in the collection.

**ADORATION on Holy Thursday** ... After the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), parishioners are asked to spend one hour in adoration: A-H (10-11), I-P (11-12), Q-Z (9-10). 19

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** ... On Good Friday, the collection will be for the Holy Land. This money is used to maintain the Catholic shrines in the Holy land, to alleviate suffering there among the Christian population & to help retain a Catholic presence in the place where Christ redeemed the world.

**COME TO THE EASTER VIGIL** ... In order to fully appreciate the beauty and the mystery of the Easter Vigil, it must begin after dark! This is one of the most impressive and beautiful Masses of the whole Church year. Experience it this year!

**First Holy Communion Mass** ... is Sunday, April 28, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students.

**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 your payment to Fr. Seiker. The **group subscription runs from Aug. 2019–Jul. 2020**. Those in our Group may also read Magnificat either **online** or on **iphone** or **ipod**.

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

## **Looking Back and Moving Forward ....**

Many of our veteran parishioners have talked about many parishioners gathering weekly to pray the Rosary asking Mary's intercession that our Parish would be started. This continued during the early years of the Parish and in May 1996, after the Parish Hall was built, all parishioners were invited to come to the Parish Hall on Monday evenings after the 5:30pm Mass to pray the Rosary. The Blessed Virgin Mary has been a very important Saint and intercessor in the life of our Parish. Parishioners were also encouraged to come to the Parish Hall anytime between 7:00am – 9:00pm each day to spend time in adoration (praying and listening to our Eucharistic Lord Jesus).

In the May 19, 1996 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: "We were given a wonderful compliment by a young couple who were visiting last Saturday from another town. They mentioned to me how great it was to hear everyone singing at Mass. I agree. We do a good job singing!! And a special thank you to our organists and vocalists who lead us!!" That willingness to share the gift of singing has been a part of our Parish since the first Mass in the Voc-Tech Campus. Parishioners have mentioned that volunteers transported a small organ to the Voc-Tech Campus for the first Christmas Mass. Choirs were formed for Masses at the Voc-Tech Campus and that continued once we moved into our Parish Hall. That tradition of singing continues to the present day. Visitors still comment about the quality of singing and the number of persons who join in the singing at Mass. St. Augustine used to say: "Singing is praying twice!"

The Marian Sisters came to our Parish from July 8-12 to teach our children during Summer School CCD.

## **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

### **Results of the Parish Council Elections ...**

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Parish Council: **Spencer Hampton** and **Marcie Minchow**. Thank you to Philip Heimann and Jim Nisley, 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.

**New Secretary / Bookkeeper, Parish Coordinator: CCD, Music, Webpage ...** Ashley Perlinger has been hired as a part-time Parish Coordinator to work with CCD, Music, Webpage, and also as a Secretary / Bookkeeper. She will be working a variety of days each week, some in the Office, and some from her home. Ashley and her husband Matt have been coming to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for 2½ years.

### **Scheduled Times for Confession are:**

- Sunday April 14, **3:00pm**, St. Patrick (**3 NP parishes=4+Priests**)
- Sunday April 14, 7:00pm, St. Patrick, **McCook** (**5 Priests**)
- Tue., April 16, 6:00pm-6:30pm, St. James, **Curtis** (**2 Priests**)
- Wed., April 17, **4:30pm-5:25pm**, St. Elizabeth
- Wed., April 17, **7:00pm-8:00pm**, St. Elizabeth (**2 Priests**)
- Thu. April 18, 8:15pm – 10:30pm, St. Elizabeth
- Fri. April 19, 8:15pm – 10:30pm, St. Elizabeth
- Sat. April 20, 4:00pm – 5:00pm, St. Elizabeth

If these times don't fit your schedule, make an appointment to have your confession heard in the Rectory. **Be Forgiven!**

### **MERCY SUNDAY: Novena to the Divine Mercy ...**

We will begin the novena at the service of the Seven Last Words on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross at 12:10pm. Join in praying the Novena & Chaplet daily. Also, please come to the **Holy Hour, Sun., April 28, 3:00pm-4:00pm, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & quiet prayer time.

Be open to the Lord's mercy, pray for an outpouring of His mercy in your life, in the lives of those you love, and in all persons throughout the world. Be merciful!

## Liturgical Minister

|                | Easter Vigil-Sat. 9:00pm      | Sun., Apr. 21, 10:00am |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>  | Mike Krondak                  | Shane Lowrey           |
| <b>Acolyte</b> | Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen  | Ed Rieker              |
|                | Conrad Buhrman                |                        |
| <b>Server</b>  | William/Nichols               | Lakeland Lowrey        |
|                | Xavier Pieper, Harmon Johnsen | Harmon Johnsen         |
| <b>Music</b>   | Choir                         | Greg Vandenberg        |
| <b>Gifts</b>   | Volunteer                     | Karl & Lyuba Hendricks |
| <b>Ushers</b>  | Cindy Swanson                 | Spencer Hampton        |
|                | Alice Robinson                | Volunteer              |
| <b>Rosary</b>  |                               |                        |

## *Readings for the Week*

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| Monday:    | Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  |
| Tuesday:   | Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6,15,17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38   |
| Wednesday: | Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31-34; Mt 26:14-25  |
| Thursday:  | Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15   |
| Friday:    | Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6,12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42   |
| Saturday:  | Gn 1:1 — 2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12 |
| Sunday:    | Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9   |

**Prayers for the sick:** Flood Victims, Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Jon Walz, Parishioner's friend's daughter (Sarah; severe headaches & medical issues), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Parishioners seeking adoption of a child, Dave Hoedel (Reiny Burbach's son-in-law), Mary Lou Robles & Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sisters), Renate Nordquist, Sharon Beckius, Mike & Kim Paul, Jim Beckius.

**Prayers for the deceased:** Ruby Ramirez (Toni Barron's sister), Fr. Brad Zitek, Eileen Boltz, Peggy Fleecs, Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), Leona Clouatre, Virginia Waechter (Peggy Orr's mother), Mary Jane Vitt (Chris Behm's mother), Bob "Junior" Barron (Toni Barron's brother), Bernadine Torres, Father Jim Novakowski, Martha Burbach, Jerry Kenny (Charles/Toni Barron's son-in-law), Bernadine Duryea, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

**Birthdays:** 4/14- Gianna Pieper, 4/18 - Bridger McCormick, 4/18 - Mina McCormick, 4/18 - Rosie Arbogast.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**THE STORY OF OUR REDEMPTION ...** We begin the final week of Lent with these familiar readings. This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. These readings for Palm Sunday and the Passion used to be read on successive Sundays. Now they are combined into a single feast, so that we may see the whole sweep of the glory and the suffering played out. Jesus accepts the adulation of the crowd, the foreshadowing of his glory in the Resurrection. He bids farewell to his disciples in his last Passover, and forgives his tormentors as he dies on the cross. Later this week, we enter the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when the whole story of our redemption will play out once again. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**ESSENTIAL REDUCTION ...** All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." —Archibald Alexander

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Anthony Hoang Thai Tran-Le, from Sacred Heart Parish, Crete, and Cathedral of the Risen Christ, St. Francis, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishes, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2017. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

**Pray for our Religious Sisters:** School Sisters of Christ the King, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, Sisters at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Pink Sisters, Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

## **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ... (April)**

**Universal** - For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.