

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord*** ***April 21, 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. 22	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Tuesday	Apr. 23	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Wednesday	Apr. 24	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>		
Thursday	Apr. 25	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Apr. 26	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Apr. 27	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Apr. 28	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

Leona Clouatre +
Kirwan Family +
Seven Sisters Group
Don Benben
Martha Burbach +
Ben Seiker (-bap)
Fr. Jim Novakowski +
People of Our Parish

**When Christ  
your life appears,  
then you too  
will appear with him  
in glory.**

— Colossians 3:4

## Stewardship: April 14, 2019

<b>Adult Envelopes:</b> .....	\$1,252.00
<b>Loose Plate:</b> .....	\$105.80
<b>Children:</b> .....	\$0.00
<b>Holy Day:</b> 0 .....	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	\$1,357.80

<b>Joy of the Gospel Campaign</b>	
Total Pledged: .....	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week: .....	\$0.00
<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

Southern NE Register: .....	\$15.00
Rice Bowl: .....	\$6.76
American Bishops Overseas: .....	\$5.00
Black & Indian Collection: .....	\$5.00
Catholic Communication: .....	\$5.00
Catholic Home Missions: .....	\$5.00
Catholic University: .....	\$5.00
Retired Religious: .....	\$5.00

## Parish Calendar

Tuesday	Apr. 23	<b>7:00pm No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion (Resurrection).</b>
Wednesday	Apr. 24	6:00-10:00pm=Eucharistic Adoration <b>7:00pm RCIA Class</b>
Thursday	Apr. 25	12:30pm = Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall Classroom <b>5:30pm = 25th Anniversary Committee</b>
		<b>7:00pm No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion (Resurrection).</b>
Sunday	Apr. 28	<b>10:00am First Communion Mass - NO CCD 3:00pm = Divine Mercy Holy Hour.</b>

## 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 NPCS classes for next year. Need help with Sycamore: contact Jennifer Winder [j.winder@npcschools.org](mailto:j.winder@npcschools.org).

**Upcoming Events:** 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*; 4/25 - 10am JH Track at Chase Co.; 4/26 - SPVA Tr @ Sutherland, SPVA Golf @ Chase Co; 4/29 - 8:05 Student Council Officer Elections, 6:30 Athletic Banquet; 5/1 - Honors Assembly Day & Last Day for Seniors.

**'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.

**X-PLORE REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!** Xplore is our Summer Enrichment Opportunity for students currently in Grades 2-6; held on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Each Day will begin at 9:00am and end at Noon. Classes will meet at McDaid Elementary. Fill out the Registration Form and return to McDaid with the registration fee. Cost is \$65 per student. T-Shirts are available for an additional \$15.

**Class Options for Level One Students (grades 2-3) - Kids Cuisine; Sports; Let's Get Messy; Wild About Fishing**

**Class Options for Level Two Students (grades 4-6) - Art; Robotics; Sports Camp; and River Rats.**

See Form on Sycamore, School Website or Facebook for details on classes & teachers. Checks payable: North Platte Catholic Schools.

**Congratulations to Elise O'Neill being selected April Student of the Month.** Elise is involved in Volleyball, track, quiz bowl, chorus,

swing choir, & Strutters Dance Team; is consistently on the A Honor Roll; worked at Dusty Trails for 5 yrs; daughter of Tim & Allison O'Neill.

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

**Couples Day Long Retreat ...** There will be a Day Long Retreat for couples experiencing primary or secondary infertility held in Lincoln on May 5<sup>th</sup> 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 ...** Jesus responds today to brokenness, disease and pain with transformative love and restoration. Through three days of teaching, worship, prayers and testimony, you'll encounter God in a powerful way, and experience deeper freedom as the Father speaks to you in the depths of your heart, and through the supernatural graces of the sacraments. Whether you're struggling with life, or you just want "more" in your walk with God, this conference will empower you with tools, revelations, and a greater desire to live your life passionately on fire to God. Grounded in Church teaching, you'll engage in topics of "Facing our Brokenness," "Encountering the Father's Love," and "Living in Freedom." **St. Peter Church, Lincoln, is hosting a Healing the Whole Person retreat led by the John Paul II Healing Center on July 11-13, 2019.** Register at: [www.JPIIHealingCenter.org](http://www.JPIIHealingCenter.org). Early registration ends April 29. For scholarships, student missionary discounts email [LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com).

**Day of Equipping ...** Do you desire to be equipped to live in the fullness that Christ intended for each of His followers? If so, this Day of Equipping, led by Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Center, is for you! During this training, you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice and becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire the Holy Spirit operating in your life as described in John 14:12 and Ephesians 4, we invite you to attend. This Day of Equipping takes place at St. Peter Church in Lincoln NE on Friday, July 12, 2019. Register at: [www.JPIIHealingCenter.org](http://www.JPIIHealingCenter.org). Early registration is ends on April 29. For scholarships, student, missionary discounts, email [LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com).

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

**Possible New Digital Sign ...** on the Parish Council Ballot (03/31/19), there were listed some options related to a possible digital sign. The options listed were *[with numbers of votes received on left]:*

20 ... I think we need a new Digital Sign. I would be willing to donate/contribute to it.

19 ... I think we need a new Digital Sign. I think we should wait until our current Loan is paid off.

16 ... I do not think we need a new Digital Sign.

0 ... Other comments ... [there were a few emails & phone calls that I received regarding a new digital sign, expressing concern that a digital sign was not traditional, & would take away from our beautiful Church. This week, I visited with Fr. Hottovy, Jean & Char Kriz (who are mainly responsible for the beauty of our Church). They did not think that a digital sign would in any way detract from the beauty of our Church. The persons who would design and/or lay out the words & pictures that would be on a digital sign would need to choose carefully the pictures/words that would be used to convey the correct message. The flexibility of the sign is very good!

We have received some donations toward a new sign totaling \$3,600 and some promises of donations totaling \$5,200. If others would like to make a donation or a promise of a later donation toward a digital sign, please let me know. We will purchase a digital sign if there are enough donations and/or interest for the new digital sign.

Ten years ago, when we were praying, meeting, deciding on what, when, and how to build our new Church, there were various persons who expressed concerns about the financial conditions in our nation at the time, the cost of a new Church, the possibility of adding the "burden" of a large debt to our younger families and younger children, and other concerns. Our parishioners have worked together as a family, received assistance from persons very skilled with beauty (Fr. Hottovy, Jean & Char Kriz, Eileen Ratigan, and others), sacrificially contributed from their financial resources to our Capital Campaigns, while also contributing to the regular Sunday Collections, AND at the same time continued to build new friendships, strengthen existing friendships, and meet new daily challenges together. We have welcomed new Parishioners, felt sorrow when parishioners move away or die, and shared our Faith & friendship with persons who later became Catholics and joined our Parish Family!

I cannot think of another Parish in our Diocese that has accomplished what our Parish has accomplished in 25 years: beginning from scratch, forming a Parish Family, building a Parish Hall, building a Rectory, purchasing "the Farm" rental property, building a new Church (together totaling over \$3.3 million), while at the same time flourishing as a Parish Family, addressing current local needs (Parish, Diocesan, Community, e.g. flood victims, etc) as we strive to deepen our friendship with Jesus, & invite others closer to Jesus. All this from 100 families!! (Over 25 years it has been as low as 88 and as high as 105 families, but it has mostly been right at about 100 families).

Some have expressed that the idea "Built it and they will come!" did not necessarily bring new families to our Parish (we are still at 100 families after building our beautiful new Church). Spending money on a new digital sign will not necessarily bring new families to our Parish. Neither will buying new music books, a new webpage, a renovated Kitchen, more storage space, giving money to the poor, or having all of our parishioners spend one hour each week in Eucharistic Adoration. All of these items (listed in the previous two sentences) are good & we should undertake each of them as time and money allow, but especially as our commitment to the Lord and His Church deepens!!

Most especially, each one of us are encouraged by our Risen Lord to take the Gospel that we have received with us into our world and share it with those that we meet each day. That is how the Catholic Church has changed the world in the last 2,000 years & how St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has changed our area of the world in the last 25 years!

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

We began the novena at the service of the Seven Last Words on Good Friday. Please 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!

**Easter Thank You's ...** We need to extend our thanks to the many people in the parish who have made our Lenten Season & Holy Week a special time of grace and holiness. THANKS ... to the choir director, members of the choir, those who played the keyboard, musicians & cantors for the hours of practice that produced the beautiful singing during Lent & especially during Holy Week ... to the lay ministers and servers who helped make our liturgies prayerful ... to those faithful servants who cleaned the Church and who worked many hours behind the scenes doing all of the preparations in the sacristy & Church with decorating the Altar, and Holy Thursday Repository, the care of the palms, the flowers and the candles, ... and to all of our parishioners who expressed and shared their faith through their attendance at daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross, Our Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions, and especially the Holy Week Liturgies. May the graces received in Lent, draw us closer to God & one another in the Easter Season & always!

### **New Secretary/Bookkeeper, Parish Coordinator:**

**(CCD, Music, Webpage) ...** Ashley Perlinger is our part-time Parish Coordinator & Secretary/Bookkeeper. She will be working various days each week, some in the Office, some from her home. Ashley & her husband Matt have been parishioners for 2½ years.

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

In the July 28, 1996 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: "*Thank you Jo Ginapp for working so hard to get our parish lending library ready for business. Many books, audio tapes, and VCR tapes are available for your enjoyment. When checking out an item, please fill in the card you will find with the item and leave it in the file card box. The library is named after the old parish outside of Osceola, Nebraska that provided our beautiful tabernacle.*" This Library continues to have many fine Catholic books. Some books are available to be checked out, and others are for reference only (*to be used / read in the Parish Library or in the Church during a Holy Hour and then returned to the Library*). After Jo Ginapp's health did not allow her to care for the Library, there have been a few parishioners who have given some of their time to care for the Library. Currently, we are in need of a person(s) to care for our St. Andrew's Parish Library.

Beginning in the summer of 1996, four teams of "Cleaning Crews" took turns keeping our Parish Hall clean. "*The generous volunteerism spirit of our parishioners makes our parish a strong family.*" We had a Parish Picnic on Sunday, Sept 1, 1996 after the 11:00am Mass.

In the September 15, 1996 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: "*Msgr. Mike Jackels (now Archbishop Michael Jackels, Archbishop of Dubuque, IA), Director of the Diocesan Office of Religious Education, will be here the weekend of Sept. 28-29 to preach at the weekend Masses concerning Eucharistic Adoration. We will use the occasion to kick off our parish's Eucharistic Adoration program. Next weekend we will have sign up sheets available for you to schedule the day and time that you will commit to come and pray for an hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament. Parishes that have a Eucharistic Adoration program are richly blessed with many graces. Thank you to Gregg Thuman for volunteering to organize the scheduling of adoration times. Our goal is that every parish family be represented each week for an hour before Our Lord Jesus. The Parish Hall is open from about 7:00am until about 9:00pm each day. Please come in and adore and pray before our Eucharistic Lord. Jesus is waiting for you.*"

**Life is Victorious! ...** "Jesus Christ our King is Risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!" (*Easter Exsultet*). Today is the Feast of Feasts, the foundation of all that we celebrate in our faith. By rising from the dead, Jesus did not only conquer his death; he conquered ours. He overturned the entire kingdom of death! He has opened the way to the true destiny of the human person: to be on the throne of God forever, in life that knows no end!

Because of this, we are the People of Life. We seek to apply the victory of Jesus over death to the problems of our day. We are a pro-life people, & reject the false solutions of abortion & euthanasia. Rather, we say yes to every life, no matter how vulnerable or burdensome. It is an Easter yes; it is a yes filled with hope. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice & be glad!

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Apr. 27 5:00pm	Sun., Apr. 28, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Nicholas Niesen
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
<b>Gifts</b>	Jim & Shirley Nisley	First Communicants
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

**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:** Carlos Fleury (Steve/Janet Fear's son-in-law), Ruby Ramirez (Toni Barron's sister), JoAnn Bode Waters (John Bode's sister), Fr. Paul Rutten, 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, Bernadine Duryea, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

**Birthdays:** 4/25 - AJ Pineda, 4/26 - Jessica Buhrman, Joan Ryland, 4/28 - Duane Johnsen, 5/2 - Greg Vandenberg, 5/4 - Kathy Burr.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us." —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**HAPPY EASTER! ...** Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch – Passover! *Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques!* Israel's Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus' Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Our catechumens' Passover last night, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism's waters to our family's Eucharist! Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, "Here comes everybody!" We make our own Saint John Chrysostom's Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: "Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent's beginning, and you who didn't fast at all, rejoice! The table's richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb!" Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**IMMORTAL HOPE ...** Immortal hope dispels the gloom! An angel sits beside the tomb. —Sarah Flowers Adams

**Pray for our Seminarians:** William David Vogel, from Cathedral of the Risen Christ Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in Theology I at Mount St. Mary 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.

**The Movie "UNPLANNED" ...** is the inspiring true story of a woman's journey of transformation. What she saw changed everything. Showing at the Arnold, NE Rialto theater on: Sunday, May 19; Wed., May 22; Sun., May 26; Wed., May 29; Sun., June 2; Wed., June 5. This movie is sponsored by Beshaler Family Farms, LLC.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...** for an evening of fun, fellowship and worship with 8,000 of your closest friends at Haymarket Park in Lincoln on May 5, 7:00pm! Please come and join the Lincoln Catholic Diocese in a gigantic public display of devotion and love of our faith! Parish and private tailgating is highly recommended and available all day in the parking lot. Bishop Conley's Eucharistic Procession into the stadium begins at 7:00pm, followed by a large living rosary and Adoration. Everything happens inside the stadium on the baseball field! Stadium seating is available for the first 4,000 in attendance. Berm and Home Run Terrace seating available for the next 4,000. We hope to see everyone there.