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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 choir, miscellaneous)
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 (bookkeeping, Diocesan data
 entry)

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,
 Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy
 Days as posted in bulletin
 Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-
 4:35pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:35am
 Offered any time by appointment.
 Half hour before Friday Masses
 for 15 minutes

Baptism
 Contact priest to set up
 appointment.

Matrimony
 Contact priest first before date is
 set and at least 6 months prior.
 Classes and retreat required.
 Anointing of the Sick
 Contact priest or parish office.

Education: CCD, Sundays 11:30am-
 12:30pm. Rite of Christian Initiation
 of Adults (R.C.I.A), contact office
 or pastor for more information.

Office Hours: Mondays-Tuesdays,
 8:30am-1:30pm. Wednesdays
 3:00pm-6:30pm

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 Wednesday before the Sunday it is
 to appear. Email rectory-
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April 9, 2023: Easter Sunday

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 4/10</i>	8:00 am	Gilbert Rieker
<i>Tuesday 4/11</i>	8:00 am	+Sylvester Ritter
<i>Wednesday 4/12</i>	5:30 pm	Rick Hallquist
<i>Thursday 4/13</i>	7:30 am	+Otto & Minnie Langhorst
<i>Friday 4/14</i>	8:00 am	Susan Safford
<i>Saturday 4/15</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 4/16</i>	10:00am	Gilbert & Nadine Rieker

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS April 15-16, 2023 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

	Saturday 8:30pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Jim Nisley
Acolyte	Michael Krondak	Duane Johnsen
Server	James Krondak	Elijah Heimann
	Nicholas Krondak	Nathan Miller
Music	Volunteer Needed	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton

Stewardship: April 2, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,000, Flowers- \$100,
 Combined Collection- \$50

Easter Flower Offerings were made in memory of: John & Madeline Baker; Walter & Thelma Warburton; Ronald Baker; Dale & Terisha Baker; Glenda Critchfield; Jesse & Bernadine Torres; Bidel & Emilia Cabrera; Adolph Tenopir; Vinette Tenopir; Robert & Ruby Langhorst; Al Robinson; Heather Beckius, Nancy Vandenberg, Maureen McClendon, Eileen Ratigan, Mike & Kim Paul, Christopher Deyo For the intentions of: M/M Jim Nisley; Steve & Janet Fear; Paul Nordquist; M/M John Rouzee; Keith & Monica Mordja; Reiny Burbach; Virginia Coppersmith; M/M John Bode

Please keep in prayer Felicity Heimann and Ignatius Wartman, who will make their First Communion at Mass next week on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Fr. Rand will be gone from Monday, April 17-Wednesday, April 19.

There will be a sung chaplet of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 16, during a special hour of Adoration from 2:30pm-3:30pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beginning after exposing Jesus on the altar. Please consider making use of this great gift of God's mercy to us by participating.

We will honor our graduates at Mass on Sunday, April 30, with a reception to follow.

May Crowning will take place at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, May 7.

Join our reporting team at the Southern Nebraska Register, the weekly newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln. We have an opening for a part-time reporter. If you're a good writer who wants to tell stories of people and events to Catholics across southern Nebraska, then we want to hear from you! We need someone with knowledge of journalism, who has good time management skills, is well organized, creative and has a positive attitude. You'll write news stories, take photographs and assist in finding potential stories for our newspaper and social media channels. Approximately 22 hours per week. You can be based anywhere within the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln geographical boundaries. See the full job description

at lincolndiocese.org/diocese/employment. If interested, send a cover letter, resume, a completed diocesan application and writing samples to Marsha-Bartek@lincolndiocese.org or Marsha Bartek, Director of Human Resources, Catholic Diocese of Lincoln, 3400 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506.

Encounter Jesus in the Mass this Easter with 7-week series offered by Eucharistic Revival. A new reflection series is being released each Thursday beginning April 13 through May 25. This series will feature some of the nation's leading Catholic speakers & theologians on the divine mystery of the Mass. Don't miss out – subscribe at www.eucharisticrevival.org/heart-of-the-revival-newsletter.

Thank you to all who participated in the Bible Study on Stewardship. Connecting with each and sharing of how God has worked and is leading in your lives was insightful and enriching. Look for another Bible or Group Study this summer!

Thank you to all in the music ministry, liturgical decorating, at the altar lectoring, acolyting, serving, ushering, and to those who served in any capacity this past Holy Week and at Easter services. Sharing our talents and time allowed the spiritual family of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to go deeper into the love of Christ, and family members to broaden and grow in their relationships with Christ.

All CCD teachers, students and their families are invited to a pizza party on Sunday, April 30 at 12:30pm.

CURSILLO EVENTS: Region VI Spring Encounter — April 28-29, 2023, The Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS. National Cursillo Encounter — It will never be closer! July 20-23, Creighton University, Omaha. God bless YOU! Contact Greg Vandenberg for more information.

A new parish photo directory is being planned. If you have time and interest to be involved, please contact Fr. Rand. It is hoped to arrange pictures in late summer or very early fall so that those wishing to photos for Christmas will have them well in advance.

Catholics at the Capital: Catholics need to take notice at what is being done in the Unicameral. Important laws are being considered that will greatly impact the future of our great state and nation. The Christian/Catholic voice needs to be heard but too often we remain silent. Speak out in support of the legislation that reflects what we value...the truth of the Gospel, the truth of Christ. Pray, fast and contact your representatives to let them know what is wanted.

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 the Parish Office, via the collection, or give to Fr. Rand. **The hard and fast deadline is Sunday, April 16.** Checks payable to our parish. Anything after that date will not be able to participate. The group subscription runs from August 2023 – July 2024. Those in our Group may also read Magnificat either online or on their iPhone or iPod. This opportunity is made possible by the generosity of time of Fr. Mark Seiker, who organizes it for our Diocese.

Teaching Rock will be held at 6:15pm on Wednesday, April 26. The topic will be “Planning a Catholic Funeral”. Proactively preparing can save heartache and confusion at a time when grief and sorrow are overwhelming. Teaching Rock will resume in the Autumn.

The Daughters of Charity April meeting will be on the 16th after Mass in the Parish Hall. There will be no meeting in May. Graduation Mass and the reception will be held on April 30.

Parish Council meeting will be Sunday, April 23 at 11:15am.

Then Divine Mercy Sunday has a plenary indulgence of its own. Through private revelation to

St. Faustina, Jesus revealed, I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109). The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699). "On Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")."

Walk for Life – Fully known ~ deeply loved
You can make a difference! You can help save the lives of unborn babies! You can help the Women’s Resource Center provide another year of services to individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy and support for the family after delivery. How, by participating in WRC’s 22nd Annual Walk for Life. Pick up a pledge form and ask everyone you know to sponsor you and join in the walk, or make a pledge to help sponsor a registered walker. The WRC is a non-profit pregnancy help center that receives no state or federal funding. They rely on the generosity of those that believe in what they are doing to provide needed funding. The Walk in North Platte will begin Saturday, May 6 at 10 AM at the WRC, 209 McNeel Lane. A pancake feed and tours of the facility will follow. For more information and a pledge form, visit with Greg Vandenberg or Joan Ryland.

Knights of Columbus Meeting is Monday, April 10 at 7:00pm.

The symbolic importance of water is ancient, and its ritual use can be found in the Old Testament, where it was used for purifying rites privately and liturgically. It is also a sign of God’s creative power (Genesis 1:2), a metaphor for Jehovah as the source of life spiritually (Isaiah 55:1-2), and it is used as an agent of healing (2 King’s 5:10). There are also many Old Testament types of water’s significance in the New Testament, such as Pharaoh’s army (sin) being drowned in the sea (the waters of baptism, Exodus 14:28). In the New Testament,

water takes on even greater significance in its connection with Christ, who identifies himself with the Living Water (John 7:37-39). Baptism in water is also declared as necessary for our salvation, as Jesus himself said, “unless a man be born of water and the Holy Ghost” he cannot be saved (John 3:5)...Holy water is the primary way Catholics encounter water as a sacramental. Holy water is used in the rites of the church for blessing churches, altars, and other objects...Holy water is also used to bless ourselves before entering and leaving a church. A church building is a picture of the Catholic Church, and blessing ourselves with holy water upon entering a church reminds us that baptism was how enter the Church, the Body of Christ. Holy water can also be bottled and taken home for personal use. Many Catholics have holy water fonts in their homes. Again, you can use this sacramental for blessing yourself before bed, when entering and leaving the home or for blessing your children. Holy water has the power to forgive venial sins. When we turn to God and remember our baptism, in which we vowed to reject sin and Satan, our sins are forgiven! Holy water prepares us to receive the sacraments. With our sins forgiven, our baptism remembered, and with God’s blessing upon us, we are ready to receive the grace of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Demons hate holy water. St. Teresa of Avila once said, “I have found by experience that there is nothing from which the devils fly more quickly than from holy water. They also fly from the cross, but they return almost immediately. Certainly, the power of holy water must be great; for my part, my soul feels particular comfort in taking it, and very generally a refreshment and interior delight which I cannot express” (Autobiography). Holy water is an excellent way to protect yourself, your family, or your home from the attacks of the evil one! –
condensed from “Catholic Gentlemen”

St. Pat’s School News: Upcoming Events: Apr. 10: No School, **Apr. 11:** School resumes, **Apr. 12:** Jr. Class- Christ in the City, JH TR @ Hershey, **Apr. 13:** Golf @ Hershey, **Apr. 14:** TR @ Sutherland, **Apr. 15:** ACT Test Date, **Apr. 24:** 6:00pm- Incoming 7th Grade Information Night (Parents & Students) Transferring students are

invited to attend. **Alumni Weekend:** June 30-July 1, 2023. The Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament will be held Friday, June 30th at River's Edge Golf Course. Online Team Registration will open May 22nd! Open house, social and reunion banquet will all be held on the NPCS campus on July 1st. RSVP: 308-534 5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org. Golf team registration and banquet RSVP's can be made at: www.bidpal.net/spalumni23. **BUMP UP DAY 2023:** Monday, May 8th—8AM to Noon. Bump-Up Day gives students an idea of what to expect the next school year. The special day allows current and incoming students to "bump up" to the next grade level to meet those teachers, see those classrooms and find out what they will be learning about when they come back to school in August. Grades 4/5 Pre-K through 6th all participate in this day. The students will be dismissed to their current teachers after they eat lunch. If your family is considering enrollment at NPCS, please join us on this day. Contact Gwen Covey @ 308-532-1874 for more information.

Spirit Catholic Radio Network is focusing on the community of North Platte including St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church on the Spirit Morning Show’s Spotlight Community on April 10th, 2023! The Spirit Mornings Show is on every weekday, and the Spotlight Community is a segment during the top and bottom of the hour on Spirit Mornings. It takes place after the news and local weather. During this special segment our hosts, Jen and Bruce, highlight one of the local communities within the radio’s listening area along with the local Catholic Parish. Often touching upon town history, fun facts, famous people, and local community events, this segment gives us the chance to show our appreciation for your town to all our listeners! Spirit Mornings airs 6:45 - 9am Mon - Fri on the Spirit Catholic Radio Network. You can listen on the radio, live on our app or stream online at spiritcatholicradio.com . Spirit Catholic radio can be found at 90.1 FM.

Set aside the evening of May 23 to listen to the story of Sylvia Prather, who was recently healed by God’s intervention. More information will be in forth coming bulletins.

One day Max went to see Carl. Carl had a big swollen nose. "Whoa, what happened, Carl?," Max asked. "I sniffed a brose," Carl replied. "What?," Max said. "There's no 'b' in rose!" Carl replied, "There was in this one!"

Anointing of the Sick will be offered immediately after Mass on Thursday April 13. Those receiving the anointing are asked to remain until the final blessing for those receiving the Sacrament. Those who wish to be anointed must be Catholic in good standing with the church, suffering from a disease where there is a danger of death, having an upcoming surgery, or over the age of 65 years.

Keep in touch with our parish via email and text. Text SEASNP to 84576 or connect with us online at: seasnp.flocknote.com

Housekeeping note: Please turn off the lights when you leave, if you have turned any on, and do not block open any outside doors with rocks or other items. With recent church vandalizations to Catholic churches and other Christian churches in Nebraska, including in our own diocese, if you unlock any door to pray at night make sure to relock it. Several have voiced concern for safety after finding lights on or doors unlocked during the night or early morning hours.

Father, why should I be involved helping with anyone since it won't change the world anyway? It does however change the world for that one person!

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!" A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!" A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!" "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!" The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?," the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"

Thank you to the Daughters of Charity for their reimbursement to the parish of \$236.30 for a many months supply of hosts. Their support is greatly appreciated. Please keep the Daughters in your prayers.

Ushering is a vital and key component to the functioning of the Liturgy/Mass and is a great way to give of your time and talent to our parish family. We could use your help to open doors in welcome and greet others with kindness and a smile. Anyone 16 and older or entire families are eligible. If you want to volunteer or have questions, please contact Fr. Rand.

Rachel's Vineyard: Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry of Priests for Life. This program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. People from all walks of life have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. The next retreat will be directed by Fr. Jonathan Haschke on April 28-30, in Kansas City. For more info. go to www.Rachelsvineyard.org.

Thank you for the prayers and fasting on my behalf as Pastor by those participating in the Seven Sisters and Fasting Brothers of our parish. Your unseen efforts have provided me graces in my spiritual life as well as in providing for our parish family. Be assured of my prayers of thanksgiving and intercession in return.

Camp Kateri offers Tekakwitha Games, Catholic Adventure Camp, Sky and Sky Teens and opportunities for High School students as Counselors. For more information on any offering or aspect go to www.campkateri.org. Scholarships are available (see more online).

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul. ☩ Isla Lindsey, ☩ Lawrence Heaslip, Marvin Kuchta, Bishop Michael Jaeckels, Fr. Bob Matya

St. Justin Martyr, laid out one of the earliest descriptions of the Mass in his *First Apology*, written between 153 and 155 A.D. Here's Justin on the Eucharist, first from chapter 65, Administration of the Sacraments: *But we, after we have thus washed him who has been convinced and has assented to our teaching, bring him to the place where those who are called brethren are assembled, in order that we may offer hearty prayers in common for ourselves and for the baptized [illuminated] person, and for all others in every place, that we may be counted worthy, now that we have learned the truth, by our works also to be found good citizens and keepers of the commandments, so that we may be saved with an everlasting salvation. Having ended the prayers, we salute one another with a kiss. There is then brought to the president of the brethren bread and a cup of wine mixed with water; and he taking them, gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and offers thanks at considerable length for our being counted worthy to receive these things at His hands. And when he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all the people present express their assent by saying Amen. This word Amen answers in the Hebrew language to ge'noito [so be it]. And when the president has given thanks, and all the people have expressed their assent, those who are called by us deacons give to each of those present to partake of the bread and wine mixed with water over which the thanksgiving was pronounced, and to those who are absent they carry away a portion.* It's worth noting several things in this description: First, the Kiss of Peace isn't some new invention of the American Church to make everybody feel wonderful inside: it's a long-standing Catholic tradition. Next, the Eucharist is only open to the baptized individual "who has been convinced and has assented to our teaching." The Eucharist consists of bread and wine, mixed with a bit of water. This is a practice done (to my knowledge) only in the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. Also, the Eucharist is brought to the absent. This seems like a minor detail, but it invalidates ... Eucharistic views, where the blessed bread and wine are incarnated in some sense with Christ during the duration of the service, and not afterwards.

All of this very much mirrors the modern Mass: Prayers of the Faithful, the Sign of Peace, the Eucharistic prayers over the bread and wine mixed with water, and the Great Amen. However, Justin says "deacons give to each of those present to partake of the bread and wine mixed with water over which the thanksgiving was pronounced." At first, this sounds like he's denying the Real Presence. But then you get into the nitty-gritty of the Greek, where thanksgiving *means* Eucharist. So he's literally saying "deacons give to each of those present to partake of the 'Eucharitized' bread and wine mixed with water." He makes it more clear in the next chapter, which picks up immediately where that last quote left off: *"And this food is called among us Eucharistia [the Eucharist], of which no one is allowed to partake but the man who believes that the things which we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins, and unto regeneration, and who is so living as Christ has enjoined. For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh."* ... So Justin is clear "that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word [...] is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh." The "prayer of His word" refers to the words of institution, which come from Jesus' lips at the Last Supper. So after the words of institution, the bread and wine become the flesh and blood of "that Jesus." The phrase "from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished" is sometimes rendered, "in order to nourish and transform our flesh and blood," and the Greek here (*kata metabolen*) means something very similar to "metabolize." So just as with physical food, it becomes part of our bodies, through the spiritual food of the Eucharist, we become part of Christ's. We eat Him, but rather than us metabolizing Him, He "metabolizes" us. – excerpts from an article by Joe Heschmeyer, St Justin Martyr on the Eucharist and the Ancient Mass, [Word on fire.org](http://Wordonfire.org) website. June 1, 2017