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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON 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

*All bulletin news due at noon the
 Wednesday before the Sunday it is
 to appear. Email rectory-
 office@seas-np.org.*

April 16, 2023: Divine Mercy Sunday

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 4/17</i>	No Mass	
<i>Tuesday 4/18</i>	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday 4/19</i>	No Mass	
<i>Thursday 4/20</i>	8:00 am	
<i>Friday 4/21</i>	8:00 am	
<i>Saturday 4/22</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 4/23</i>	10:00am	

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS April 22-23, 2023 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

	Saturday 8:30pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	John Bode
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Danny Gifford
Server	Alex Krondak	Jacob Birulkin
	Will Krondak	Johnathan Birulkin
Music	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane & Heather Johnsen

Stewardship: April 2, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$4,938 Flowers- \$20,
 Holy Land: \$747, Magnificat Subscriptions: \$372

You are invited to pray for and attend the Ordinations to the Priesthood of Rev. Mr. Scott Nemec, Rev. Mr. Loudon Redinger, and Rev. Matthew Schilomoeller at the Cathedral in Lincoln on Saturday, May 27 at 11:00am. Light reception to follow in Cathedral Rectors Hall. You are also invited to pray for attend the ordinations to the Diaconate of Mr. Jonah Brox, Mr. Santiago Izquierdo, Mr. Augustine Reimers, Mr. Mitchell Schleis, and Mr. Ranil Weerackoon at the Cathedral in Lincoln on Friday, May 26 at 7:00pm. A light reception to follow in Cathedral Rectors Hall.

Looking to make a retreat this spring? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several retreats for you these next few months. Join us for our 4-Day or 8-Day "Ignatian Directed Retreat" April 21-24, 24-27 or 21-27 with Fr. Barak or Fr. Coulter, "True Devotion to Mary" Retreat with Msgr. Daniel Seiker on April 21-23, and our women's 24-hour retreat "God's Beautiful Beloved" with Sr. Anne Marie Walsh, SOLT on May 12-13. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Traffic Cop's Mercy: A priest was forced by a police officer to pull over for speeding. As the officer was about to write the ticket, the priest said to him, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7). The police officer handed the priest the ticket, and said, "Go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11).

The annual Charity & Stewardship Appeal will begin in the coming week. With the rise in costs of just about everything (some very significant), it is hoped your prayers and generosity will help. Charitable works in our diocese, many of which benefit our parish and families, will receive 20% of what is given within the goal, while 80% is returned to us as well, as everything above our goal of \$2250.00, due to our support of a Catholic elementary and high school. This is a double winner in our helping of the less fortunate and diocesan common good, and in allowing us to meet our own needs and expenses. Please join our parish family in this opportunity to use what God has entrusted to you as part of your stewardship.

A Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is tentatively being planned by Fr. Rand for April 8-18, 2024. Details will be available at the beginning of June. Please pray for this opportunity to allow those desiring to know the land of Jesus and holy sites of His life on earth to participate. This pilgrimage will be open to anyone wishing to go.

Registration forms and more information will be coming soon for Summer CCD with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln. Those with children in Grades 1-8 can mark their calendars for June 5-9 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Times are still tentative. This year will follow a Eucharistic theme with Mass each day, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of the week. We were fortunate to get the Sisters who have had to turn down many parishes. If conflicts arise, even coming just the morning or the afternoon would have its rewards and blessings. This will be open first to our own parish and to those in other parishes in our diocese. There is a restriction on the numbers, past our own parishioners, in line with what the Sisters deem they are able to handle. The Sisters have also expressed they are willing to host a senior high night for grades 9-12 or just graduated.

Thank you to Will Krondak for completing a project of painting the support board for shelves in the storage room.

KC State Convention will be held in Kearney from April 28-30 at the Younes Conference Center. Knights seeking more information should contact our local council.

Apologies to any trying to reach us via the internet or phone system this past week. A semi on Walker Road hit the Allo communications line that serves Echo Drive (the church and rectory). Allo teams were sent immediately, but the disruption took a couple of days to repair. All should be in working order now.

Camp Kateri: Summer Camp Registration is now open for SKY Camp (current grades 4th-8th), Catholic Adventure Camp (grades 3rd-5th) and the Tekakwitha Games (grades 4th-8th). For more information or to register for camp, go to www.campkateri.org.

Camp Kateri: Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for volunteer high school counselors (grades 9th-12th) for SKY, Catholic Adventure Camp and the Tekakwitha Games. For more information, or to download an application, please go to www.campkateri.org.

When we make a Holy Hour, we remain and stay awake with Jesus. It's a powerful and beautiful way to grow closer to Him. Making a Holy Hour helps us to grow more into his likeness. We become like that which we contemplate. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Being with our Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain.

"One of the easiest ways for the devil to infiltrate our lives is through unchecked anger. Anger isn't a bad feeling to have. The desire for true justice is praiseworthy, and our feelings of anger can sometimes fuel us in our efforts to protect our family or the most vulnerable of society. However, when anger crosses the line and is let loose, it can leave us vulnerable to the devil. St. Paul warns us plainly in his letter to the Ephesians, Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil (Ephesians 4:26-27). We see from this passage that anger is not initially a bad feeling, but it can become sinful if we leave it unchecked and uncontrolled. The key lies in our intentions and what we want to do with that anger. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the dark side of anger when commentating on the fifth commandment. If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin. the Lord says, Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment. Deliberate hatred is contrary to charity. Hatred of the neighbor is a sin when one deliberately wishes him evil. Hatred of the neighbor is a grave sin when one deliberately desires him grave harm. (CCC 2302-2303) When we allow this type of anger to boil over within us, the devil is given a back door into our soul. It is his desire to fan the flame of our anger and to convince us that the only way we can satiate this desire is to inflict harm upon another person. As much as we may want to inflict harm upon

someone who has been unjust in any way, Jesus challenges us to, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44)".-- (excerpted and summarized from Philip Koslocki - Aleteia Sept.2019) Anger must not have the last say at the end of the day. The longer it festers within our heart, the more likely we will act out in anger and hurt other people by starting with judging them, blaming, holding them to our own perceptions, standards and opinions and not allowing the fullness of love, mercy and forgiveness to find a home in our hearts. The Divine Mercy devotion is a spiritual medicine to keep our hearts healthy in the love of God and our neighbor.

Fr. Rand will be gone from Monday, April 17- Wednesday, April 19 for mid-year medical exams and tests with his specialists in Lincoln. Prayers would be appreciated for continued good results.

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 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.

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. Don't miss out – subscribe at www.eucharisticrevival.org/heart-of-the-revival-newsletter.

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.

Life is Hard. Help is just a phone call away. Need to talk to someone that you can trust? Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska's Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center, 402-489-1834

Parish Council will meet Sunday April 23 after Mass in the conference room.

Creighton Model FertilityCare System: Creighton Model is a women's health science that allows users to learn more about their fertility and in conjunction with NaProTECHNOLOGY treat any underlying reproductive conditions. Introductory sessions are available in person or online. Private instruction is encouraged for all interested in learning more. For more information, visit LincolnDiocese.org/NFP/Fertility-Care-Center or call 402-473-0630 or contact Kealey-butler@cdolinc.net

Burritos are available from our Knights of Columbus at \$15 for half dozen, \$30 for a dozen and \$2 dozen at \$50. Please contact a Knight or the office to arrange your purchase. All funds raised support the works of the Knights.

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.

When considering/requesting another priest to be the main celebrant of any baptism, marriage, funeral, sacrament, or devotion in a parish in the diocese of Lincoln, approval must be given prior to the event by the Pastor, as well as the said priest (and deacon) must present a letter of good standing (if not active in our diocese) from his respective bishop to our Bishop/Chancery and the pastor. When possible, arrangements should be made far enough in advance to thwart any complications.

Rachel's Vineyard, Healing After Abortion. The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has

impacted you in the past and present, and help to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. The weekend is a lot of work but yields a fruitful harvest. The next retreat will be directed by Fr Jonathan Haschke (of our Diocese) April 28-30 in Kansas City. For more info, visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Summer Bible Study on Matthew: The position of the Gospel according to Matthew as the first of the four gospels in the New Testament reflects the view that it was the first to be written, a view that goes back to the late second century A.D. It also shows the esteem in which it was held by the church. No other was so frequently quoted in the non-canonical literature of earliest Christianity. The reason for that becomes clear upon studying the way in which Matthew presents his story of Jesus, the demands of Christian discipleship, and the breaking-in of the new and final age through the ministry, and particularly through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Would you like to learn more? Is the Holy Spirit calling you to dive into Matthew to broaden your understanding in application to living out your faith in Christ? This Bible study is open to anyone high school age and above. It will meet most Mondays from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm from May 1-August 28. **Registration is necessary** in order for the class to be prepared. It will be given with both lecture time on Matthew by Fr. Rand and participation time by those attending. It will include reading the noted chapters each week before the class meets. It is encouraged to take notes for a written reflection to review again in prayer and the spiritual life. While it is understood that occasionally, one may have to be absent, these should be exceptions and not the rule, out of respect for the time involved in preparing for it. It is progressive each week. If you are interested or have questions, contact Fr. Rand by May 1.

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul.
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