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# e ST. ELIZABETH Deseas-np.org org ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst Parish Coordinator: Ashley Perlinger (Bulletin, website, sign, choir, miscellaneous)

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 and or instruction before any date is set. 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 11:15am-12:30pm. Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact office or pastor for more information.

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

#### April 28, 2024: 5th Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions			
Monday 4/29	8:00am	+Vince & Loretta Pilakowski	
Tuesday 4/30	8:00am	Bode/Ruskamp Families	
Wednesday 5/1	5:30pm	Liv/Dec Knights of Columbus	
Thursday 5/2	8:00am	+Rhett Morlang	
Friday 5/3	5:30pm	Jacob Buhrman	
Saturday 5/4	8:00am	Matthew & Meg Buhrman & Family	
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo	
Sunday 5/5	10:00 am	+Barb Waldschmidt	

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS May 4-5 2024: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Cindy Swanson
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Ron Tejral
Server	Elijah Heimann	Johnathan Birulkin
	Volunteer Needed	James Green
Music	Monica Mordja	Choir
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Michael/Mary Herout	Dave Beran

Stewardship: April 14, 2024: Adult \$2015.00 Holy Thursday \$100.00 Good Friday \$100.00

April 21, 2024: Adult \$2081.49 Maintenance \$255.00

<u>Congratulations to</u> our high school graduates: Will Krondak, Alayna Niesen, Gianna Tejral, and Brock Johnsen. May God bless you as you discern your futures.

The 73rd annual National Day of Prayer will be Thursday May 2 from 12-1 pm at Bethel Church, 2700 @ Philip Ave North Platte. All welcome to attend.

Join Fr. Rand this May-July for a Monday Bible study on the Catholic Epistles, beginning with the Book of James on May 13. It will be from 5:15 pm-6:00 pm weekly, except May 27 and June 3). Mark it down in your calendars! You are welcome to take notes, but reading ahead will be essential to greater understanding.

Salt Dogs Faith & Family Nights Join us at Haymarket Park in Lincoln! We have a variety of entertainment beginning 2 hours prior to games including, In-Stadium Chapel with the Players, Catch in the Outfield, Player Autographs, and Live Church Band on the Concourse. Bake Sales & Merchandise Booths on the Concourse will remain until the end of the game. Upcoming dates are: Sun. May 19 @ 1:05pm; Sun. June 23 @ 1:05pm; Sun. July 14 @ 1:05pm; Wed. August 28 @ 7:05pm.

Registration for the Marian CCD week May 20-24 for our parish families is now underway. The week will involve those entering First grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade 8 am-2 pm and includes teaching, Mass, Reconciliation opportunity, and fun with the Marians. Each child will need to bring a sack lunch daily. To cover expenses for the week each child is \$20 with a cap of \$40 for 2 or more children in a family. Donations above the amount are welcome. To register for the week find a lavender sheet on the back of the table in the church (if one can't be found contact Fr. Rand) and deposit in the collection in an envelope or the drop slot by the office door. Registrations must be completed by May 15. (We are still looking at the possibility of a high school night with the Sisters that week).

**Soup Supper Gift Gathering** will be Tuesday April 30 from 5 pm- 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Featuring Chili, Cajun Potato Soup and Corn Chowder. Free Will Offering. You are welcome to bring your own container and take a bowl or two home or remain and enjoy some fellowship while you eat.

**It takes courage!** You can make a difference. You can help the Women's Resource Center provide another year of services to individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy. The WRC relies on individuals, churches and businesses in the community that believe in what they are doing. Their goal this year is \$100,000.00. The 2024 Walk for Life to raise funds will be May 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>. In our Parish Greg Vandenberg and Joan Ryland can be contacted to make a pledge.

<u>A luxury ship sinks in</u> the middle of the sea and the passengers and crew manage to escape on life boats. A woman known for her nature of being a gossip asks the Captain "How far is the closest land?" "3 miles", he answers. "That's not too bad, I will pass the news along." And by the way in which direction? she asks. The Captain replied "Straight Down".

<u>The tongue</u> can help one to increase or decrease in holiness.

<u>Mark your calendars</u> to adore the Lord at the Eucharistic Revival Holy Hour being held in our parish as the pilgrims trek their way through in June. The Holy Hour will begin at 6:30 pm on Friday June 13 with confessions available during it. A Eucharistic weekday Mass will be offered in our parish on Saturday June 14 at 8 am. Watch for more information on events for the Eucharistic Revival North Platte June 13-15 in future bulletins.

**Don't forget to register** for Magnificat's Spring Prayer Meal with speaker Rachael Tvrdy, the Director of the Office of Family Life and Discipleship. There's still time! It's Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m., Dawson Hall at John XXIII, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. Text 402.525.6396 by Tuesday, April 30, with your reservation (or call and leave a message) and mail your \$20 check payable to Magnificat, (students \$15) c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 St., Lincoln, NE 68504. Be a friend and bring a friend, and share the joy of Magnificat! All Catholic women are invited and those not Catholic. "Glorify the Lord with me. Let us together extol His Holy Name!" Ps 34:4

Totus Tuus registration begins April 1st! Totus Tuus will be at St. Patrick's Catholic Church July 14th-19th. Totus Tuus is for current Kindergarten through current 12th grade students. This year the curriculum will be on The Apostles Creed and The Glorious Mysteries. —Kindergarten-6th will meet Monday-Friday (15th-19th) from 9am-3pm. — Evening group will be 7th-12th graders meeting Sunday – Thursday (14th-18th) from 6pm-8:15pm. Evening group will be provided dinner. Sign up early so you can get a T-Shirt! Register at https://gidiocese.org/totus-tuus St Elizabeth Ann Seton registered parishioners should use the code Seton (not case specific) and your fees will be paid for by the parish if registration takes place in advance as part of a religious grant the parish received. Please register now in order to secure your spot!

Save the date and please support North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment on North Platte Giving Day -- Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>! This year's Giving Day proceeds will be directed to the NPCS Transportation Fund to kick off fundraising for a new school bus and school van. The school's fleet of vehicles is aging, and we want to ensure that students are transported safely and efficiently. Your donation on Giving Day will make a huge impact! Donate anytime between April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>. online: <u>https://www.northplattegiving.org/organizati</u> <u>on/NPCatholicSchools</u>, or in person at the Endowment office (601 S. Tabor Ave). Thank you for your generosity and support on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and always!

Lord Jesus, I want to help the people in my life come to know You. I recognize that I can only help others come to know You through my own relationship with You. Jesus, I invite you anew: come into my life. Grant me the grace of friendship and intimacy with You. Give me courage to surrender myself to You, especially those parts of my heart that don't yet belong to You. Show me, Jesus, the people in my life that You want me to befriend and build relationship with. Teach me, Jesus, how to be good at relationship: how to love, how to listen, and how to humbly share my faith. Thank you for the privilege of participating in Your great mission to save the world. Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I make this prayer. Amen.

Anyone who participates in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage or attends the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be granted a plenary indulgence--this special remittance of temporal punishment associated with confessed sins (under the usual conditions of an indulgence). That means every stop along the nationwide Pilgrimage route (AND THAT INCLUDES NORTH PLATTE) and the Congress event itself are now even greater opportunities for grace than they were before! As we move closer more information will be made for the Revival stop in North Platte—but events to mark on your calendar now include a Holy Hour Friday June 14 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church beginning at 6:30 pm; Saturday, June 15 morning Mass at 8:00 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and special Mass on Sunday June 16 at McDaid School at 11 am with Bishops Hannefeldt and Conley ending with a Corpus Christi procession to St Patricks parking lot. (All parishioners of each North Platte parish are encouraged to make this once in a life time opportunity) The parishes on North Platte this year will not have individual Corpus Christi processions in favor of the national one on June 16 and St Patricks and Holy Spirit will not have their regular 11 am Masses in favor of the special Mass. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will have the Field Mass at 8 am and its normal 10 am Mass for the sake of Nebraskaland day visitors and those who would prefer a parish setting.

<u>Ascension Thursday</u> is a Holy Day of Obligation under the pain of mortal sin for deliberating choosing to miss it. Masses to meet this obligation in our parish will be Wednesday May 8 vigil at 5:30 pm (followed then by the opportunities for a Holy Hour with exposition) and Thursday May 9 at 8 am. **Daughters of Charity** will not meet May 12 due to Mother's Day but will meet on Sunday, May 19 after Mass.

## Knights of Columbus Free Will breakfast 8:30 am-noon on Sunday, May 12.

<u>The Charity and Stewardship Appeal</u> (CSA) is the annual appeal for the Diocese of Lincoln. CSA provides for many of the needs of the diocese and our parish, especially Catholic Education. It also supports numerous apostolates such as Catholic Social Services, the Newman Center and Retreat House, and Pro-Life and Youth Ministries. Pledge forms were mailed out this past week. I f you did not receive one please contact Fr. Rand. Please after prayerful consideration in making any pledge return the form to the parish. May God bless those who participate in taking care of his needs in our parish and diocese.

<u>Please keep all</u> new entrants in Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses in your prayers. This week especially, we pray for Sr. Xuan Sang, Postulant; and Sr. Maria Bernadete Phuong Nguyen, Jr. Professed Sister. Both are with the Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy in Lincoln.

<u>May Crowning is next</u> weekend (May 5). Children wanting to process in need to be present at least 10 minutes before Mass begins in the narthex where instructions will be given.

Every Christian believes that Jesus Christ established and sustains a community of faith, hope and love for all believers. This community we call His Church. The Church that Christ founded is the Catholic Church which has a formal earthly structure established by Christ and which continues under His authority and protection. In the Old Testament we see God's continual involvement in the lives of the Israelites through appointed prophets. God delivered, instructed and admonished the Israelites. He made His motions in a visible, specific and formal way. He always did so through human hands, mouths, feet, minds and wills. God established a law and a means for executing it. In concert with His redemptive act, Jesus did three things that established the framework of His Church. First, He chose humans to carry out His work. He appointed Peter to be the visible head of

the Church. Jesus said to Peter, "You are Rock and on this rock I will build my Church." (Matthew 16: 18) Jesus said "build," as in to create a structure. Jesus built His structure on specifically chosen human beings Peter and the apostles. Second, Jesus gave Peter and the apostles the power and authority to carry out His work. "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven"(Matthew 16:19; 18:18) "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven, whose sins you retain, they are retained."(John 20:23) Third, Jesus gave Peter and the apostles commands as to what that work should be. At the last supper, He commanded, "Do this in memory of Me." (Luke 22:19) He commanded them to "Make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), and to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) The early Church was structured in a hierarchical manner as it is today. We see in Acts, chapter 15 how the apostles and the elders came together under the leadership of St. Peter to decide the question of what was required of Gentiles. We also see how St. Peter was regarded as the head of the Church when St. Paul, "Went up to Jerusalem to confer with Kephas [Peter] and remained with him fifteen days." (Galatians 1:18) There is no Scriptural evidence of independent local churches. The Catholic Church is the only church that can claim to have been founded by Christ personally. Every other church traces its lineage back to a mere human person such as Martin Luther or John Wesley. The Catholic Church can trace its lineage back to Jesus Christ who appointed St. Peter as the first pope. This line of popes has continued unbroken for almost 2,000 years. God rules, instructs and sanctifies His people through His Church. Under her teaching office, the Catholic Church preserves the Word of God. She is the custodian, keeper, dispenser and interpreter of teachings of Christ. And she accomplishes this under the protection of the Holy Spirit.-by Fritz Tuttle who is active in Catholic apologetics and the Legion of Mary.

<u>For Your Prayers</u> +Adeline Geis, +Patsy Sabatka, +Marie Hotovy +Victims of War and Violence

### Jesus I trust in You!