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# ST. ELIZABETH

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# CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst  
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 choir, miscellaneous)  
 Bookkeeper: Natalie Gifford  
 (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 30, 2023: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 5/1</i>	11:00 am	Funeral Mass for Rhett Morlang
<i>Tuesday 5/2</i>	8:00 am	For Fr. Rand Langhorst
<i>Wednesday 5/3</i>	5:30 pm	+Renate Nordquist
<i>Thursday 5/4</i>	8:00 am	Angela Weber
<i>Friday 5/5</i>	5:30 pm	+Edward & Edna Reiker
<i>Saturday 5/6</i>	8:00 am	+Lorelei Hart
	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 5/7</i>	10:00am	Lincoln Diocesan Priests

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS May 6-7, 2023 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Krondak
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Danny Gifford
Server	Alex Krondak	Cooper Gifford
	Elijah Heimann	Kolbe Tejral
Music	Volunteer Needed	Choir
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Galen Warburton	Volunteer Needed

**Stewardship: April 23, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$1,638.50**

**Imagine a state** where God is honored, life is cherished, marriages and families thrive, and religious liberty is protected. Prayer is the foundation to ensure that vision in Nebraska. Every year, on the first Thursday in May, is the National Day of Prayer with a prayer service inside the Nebraska State Capitol. At noon on May 4, 2023, Nebraskans from across the state will gather in the State Capitol Rotunda when senators break for lunch to lift up families, the church, businesses, education, the military, government, and the media in prayer. Please feel free to join with Governor Jim Pillen, Senator John Lowe, Coach Ron Brown, and community leaders from 12:00pm-12:45pm on Thursday, May 4, 2023 in person or in a place of your choosing to pray.

**Knights of Columbus pre-meeting** is at 1:15pm on Friday, May 5. Knights meeting is Monday, May 8 at 7:00pm. Begin in the church.

**Knights of Columbus 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary** is this weekend, Sunday, April 30, at 6:00pm in the church. Fellowship will follow in the parish hall.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast** is Sunday, May 14 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Free will offering.

**May Crowning** will be on Sunday, May 7. All children, young and old, are invited to meet in the Narthex at 9:40am. They will be given instructions on how to process in and present flowers to our Blessed Mother. After Mass, parishioners are invited to a breakfast in the Parish Hall.

**North Platte Giving Day** Returns on May 3, 2023! Join us for 24 hours of giving to benefit our local nonprofits and make a difference. North Platte Giving Day is a 24-hour fundraising event on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. You can specify which participating local nonprofits to help and how much to give. You can give online from your desk, smartphone, tablet, or by dropping off a check at a Giving Day Site. By donating on Giving Day, you can help your favorite nonprofit earn cash prizes! Go to [www.northplattegiving.org](http://www.northplattegiving.org) Some suggested non-profits include: North Platte Catholic Community Food Pantry, North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment Fund, Women's Resource Center and North Platte Senior Center.

**A businessman went** into the office and found an inexperienced handyman painting the walls. The handyman was wearing two heavy parkas on a hot summer day. Thinking this was a little strange, the businessman asked the handyman why he was

wearing the parkas on such a hot day. The handyman showed him the instructions on the can of paint. They read: "For best results, put on two coats."

**Prayer of Request to Blessed Mary, Undoer of Knots:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Mother, Undoer of Knots, generous and compassionate, I come to You today to once again entrust this knot [mention your request here] in my life to you and to ask the divine wisdom to undo, under the light of the Holy Spirit, this snarl of problems. Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exist in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot. [Mention your request here] I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge! Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Al Kresta, a national** Catholic journalist, broadcaster and author, is coming Tuesday, May 2, to St. Peter Catholic Church in Lincoln at 7:00 pm. He hosts a lively call-in program on Spirit Catholic Radio weekdays from 3:00-5:00 pm called, Kresta in the Afternoon, which features Catholic life through the lens of Scripture and the teachings of the Church. His topic for this event is "The American Future, the Catholic Faith, and the Eucharist." Tickets are on sale now for this event for \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Become an Evangelist and invite your friends and neighbors. Go to [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com) for more info and to purchase tickets!

**Jesus gives himself** to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. God's whole plan for our salvation is directed to our participation in the life of the Trinity, the communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our sharing in this life begins with our Baptism, when by the power of the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, thus becoming adopted sons and daughters of the Father. It is strengthened and increased in Confirmation. It is nourished and deepened through our participation in the Eucharist. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life. "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (Jn 6:57). By being united to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we are drawn up into the eternal relationship of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is the eternal Son of God by nature, so we become sons and daughters of God by adoption through the sacrament of Baptism. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Chrismation), we are temples of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, and by his indwelling we are made holy by the gift of sanctifying grace. The ultimate promise of the Gospel is that we will share in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Fathers of the Church called this participation in the divine life "divinization" ( theosis). In this we see that God does not merely send us good things from on high; instead, we are brought up into the inner life of God, the communion among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") we give praise and glory to God for this sublime gift.—  
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**Dr. Gregory and Lisa Popcak** of the Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life will explore a new, dynamic model of family spirituality and family ministry: the Liturgy of Domestic Church Life. The five-week series is open to diocesan and parish leaders, family life ministers, clergy, educators, and anyone involved in ministry that touches family life. Participants will discover a new approach to family

ministry that will empower all families to: Live the "Catholic difference" in their relationships; Meet Christ more meaningfully in the day-to-day activities of family life; Love and cherish each other more deeply; Create rituals that strengthen their ability to work, play, talk, and pray together ; Become the primary engines of evangelization and positive social change; The webinars will take place on five consecutive Fridays from April 14 to May 12 at 10:30 a.m. (CST). Each 90-minute session will involve ample opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply the concepts presented. Participants will leave each webinar with new insights and practical ideas to transform Catholic family life. For more information, go to [peytonfamilyinstitute.org](http://peytonfamilyinstitute.org)

### **"Still feeling unresolved about a prior abortion?"**

Are you the father or grandmother of a child lost to abortion? Come to a confidential caring retreat for healing, forgiveness and re-connection to God, community and your child. Scholarships available. April 28-30, 2023 near Omaha; for information email [helpingrachel@yahoo.com](mailto:helpingrachel@yahoo.com) or call Heather at 402-671-3749."

**Families desiring** a Catholic school education for their children that are in need of some assistance to meet the costs for St. Patrick or McDaid schools are encouraged to let Fr. Rand know, in order for him to help locate resources. All will be kept confidential. In addition, any parishioner who wants to help fellow parishioners meet the costs of a Catholic school education may give confidentially to the parish noting that purpose.

### **The Benedict XVI Diocesan School of Catechesis**

is for Catholics wanting to strengthen their intellectual and spiritual formation to empower their evangelical mission in the world. Class will be offered in person and on Zoom simultaneously, so location doesn't matter and all participants can interact with one another. For more information or to register, go to [www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi) or call 402-473-0631.

**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.

**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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**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.

**Registration forms** for Summer CCD with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln were mailed out this week to registered CCD/ parish families. Those with children in Grades 1-8 can mark their calendars for June 5-9 from 9:00am-3:00pm. 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. Registrations are due back before May 15.

**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](http://LincolnDiocese.org/NFP/Fertility-Care-Center) or call 402-473-0630 or contact [Kealey-butler@cdolinc.net](mailto:Kealey-butler@cdolinc.net)

**The Walk for Life is one opportunity** to help the local Women's Resource Center provide another year of services to individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy and support for the family after delivery. Participating in WRC's 22nd Annual Walk for Life can be done by picking up a pledge form. The WRC is a non-profit pregnancy help center that receives no state or federal 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.

**The Summer Bible Study** on Matthew begins this Monday. It is not too late to join us. 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. Just contact Fr. Rand to register. 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.

**St. Pat's School News:** GIVING DAY '23 WEDNESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>. Help us pave the parking lot! New Design Includes: \*52 Marked Stalls \*Designated Traffic Flow \*Drainage System \*Easier parking for students and visitors. [www.northplategiving.org/npcatholicschools](http://www.northplategiving.org/npcatholicschools)

**Prayer Intentions:** Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul. ☩Donna Svec ☩Leslie Svec ☩Rhett Morlang