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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.*

May 14, 2023: 6th Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Monday 5/15	8:00 am	Recovery of J. Safford
Tuesday 5/16	8:00 am	Joyce Yeck Blee
Wednesday 5/17	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Benjamin Rieker Missa Pro Populo (Ascension Vigil)
Thursday 5/18	8:00 am	Don Titus Family (Ascension Thursday)
Friday 5/19	8:00 am	John Rieker
Saturday 5/20	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Those affected by Mental Health Issues Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 5/21	10:00am	+Peggy Lawler

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

May 20-21, 2023 (7th Sunday of Easter)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Jim Griffin
Acolyte	Michael Krondak	Spencer Hampton
Server	Luke Miller	Keaton Hampton
	Nathan Miller	Eidren Hampton
Music	Volunteer Needed	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Michael & Mary Herout	Alice Robinson

Stewardship: May 7, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,289, Easter Flowers-
 \$152 (From Daughters of Charity)

Thanks to all involved with preparing for the May Crowning with our little Princes, Princesses, and Flower Honor Guard. It truly was a beautiful expression that pleased Our Lady.

Join us for the Jerry Campbell Pro-life Walk honoring Jerry and all his family for years of service for the sanctity of human life. The walk is Saturday, June 3 at 10 am at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church parking lot, and ends at the Women's Resource Center with an open house.

Given the influx of mental health issues in our communities, the Catholic Psychotherapy Association (CPA) whose representative in our region is Ms. Elizabeth A. Heidt Kozisek, Ph.D. of the Diocese of Grand Island is requesting a "Nebraska Diocesan-wide Mass intention for those afflicted with mental health issues and for the mental health practitioners who support these individuals. This request is being made throughout the entirety of CPA's membership through contacts made by the various Regional Representatives. Bishop Conley agreed to make the request known to priests in our diocese. A Mass for this intention will be held Saturday May 20 at 8 am in our parish. Please pray for those whose troubles rob them of the happiness and peace of mind God desires for them and all those in the mental health profession, clergy, family and friends who assist them in their journeys.

Thank you to our local Knights of Columbus for the gift of a flower to mothers and grandmothers in celebration of Mother's Day.

For planning purposes, the Pumpkin Festival will be held Sunday, October 1, in order to avoid several conflicts for our own parishioners. More info will appear in the summer.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church invites all to "Jesse Manibusan: A Free Liturgical Workshop." It will take place on Friday, May 26 from 2:00pm-4:00pm, with Friday Night Concert at 7:00pm. It will continue into Saturday, May 27 from 10:00am-4:00pm (lunch included), Spirit and Grace. Free with donations accepted.

All are invited to join in one of the Lincoln Diocesan Pilgrimages to Mexico City, taking place September 12-18, October 12-17, or October 25-30. The \$1700 cost includes a flight from Omaha, food, lodging, and mission experience with Hope of the

Poor. To register, go to <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/2023-lincolndiocesan-pilgrimage-to-mexico-city>. For more information, call 402-473-0631.

Interested in going to Mexico City, Mexico to work with Hope of the Poor? Unable to join the diocesan trips in October? Consider joining Fr. Corey Harrison on a mission trip/pilgrimage from July 13-17. We are looking for a few more people to join us. Scott Watts - a missionary with Hope of the Poor - will be our pilgrimage/mission trip leader. Cost will be \$750 plus flight. Flights will be in the \$600-\$700 range. For more information or to join, please call Fr. Harrison at 402-756-6251 or email at fr.corey-harrison@cdolinc.net.

A boy read a restaurant sign that advertised fat-free French fries. "Sounds great," said the health-conscious boy. He ordered some. He watched as the cook pulled a basket of fries from the fryer. The potatoes were dripping with oil when the cook put them into the container. "Wait a minute," the boy said. "Those don't look fat-free." "Sure they are," the cook said. "We charge only for the potatoes."

The importance of this verse "And behold, men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed and lay him before Jesus. And when he saw their faith he said, 'Man, your sins are forgiven you.'" (Luke 5:18, 20) took effect in the life of Sylvia Prather. You are invited to hear her story about the power of intercessory prayer, healing in Jesus Christ, and great hope. Sylvia Prather is a native Nebraskan living in Colorado who is embarking on a new mission of sharing her story about healing from cancer and how Jesus comes to each of us to renew and revive. Join us on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Invite and bring your neighbors, family, and friends.

Registration forms for Summer CCD with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln were mailed out 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.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church will begin a 10-week Bible study – Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy on June 5 at 1:00pm or 7:00pm. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation, followed by a time of small group discussion and fellowship. Registration forms are available in the church office. Registration deadline is May 19th. Cost is \$28. For more information contact Cheri Thalcken at 308-530-0738.

North Platte St. Pat's School News: We're hiring! We are in need of a 5th Grade Teacher and a Theology Teacher. Contact Superintendent Dodson, 308-532-1874 or k.dodson@npcschools.org.

A Big Thank You to all the Altar Society ladies who helped at our 70th anniversary party. Praying for God's Blessings upon you! —*Charles & Toni Barron*

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father Chris Eckrich: February 22-March 4, 2024. Fr. Eckrich will be leading another pilgrimage to the Holy Land, starting in Jordan with the Old Testament where Moses stood on Mt. Nebo overlooking the Jordan River and the Promised Land. We will also visit the lost city of Petra before going to Israel to follow in Jesus' footsteps, ending with the Via Dolorosa. See full itinerary at <https://executivetravel.com/lincoln-diocese/>. Request a brochure at 402-435-8888 or call Barb Wallingford 402-430-5811 for more information.

When Children Leave the Faith: When children drift away from the Catholic Church (or even leave the faith by choice), it does not necessarily follow that parents contributed to their decision. Parents may have lived out the faith in word and deed, but it does not assure that one's children will practice the religion they were taught. There are many reasons someone may choose to leave— emotional, intellectual, or relational. For an adult, the practice of faith—or the decision not to practice—is a personal choice. Other people may be influences, but the decision is their own. It might be tempting to say, “to each his own,” but loving one's children does not mean we have to pretend that their leaving the faith is not cause for sadness. A recent book, The Saint Monica Club, asks how best to respond to fallen-away persons in our families. The book invokes the example of St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine. She prayed for her son for 17 years before he turned to the Christian faith. We can

imitate St. Monica in her persistent prayer. We can pray for those away from the Church as part of our daily prayer. We can also call on the saints, including St. Monica, or a person's patron or namesake. We should be patient and maintain hope in prayer. The most important witness we can make for those away from the faith is to live according to Christ and His teachings. We can show forth the love of Christ, especially to our families. Elitism and spiritual pride are counter-examples of Christianity. We can show the importance of practicing the faith through prayer and devotions, Scripture reading, and frequent reception of Communion and reconciliation. In more subtle ways, we can also communicate the importance of our faith, for instance, through crucifixes, rosaries, and other sacramentals in the home. Helping someone return to the faith cannot be accomplished by being argumentative or trying to elicit guilt, but this does not mean that religion should not be discussed. Be willing to discuss questions of belief with someone who may no longer be practicing. Ask them to share their perspective. Listen well and then respond: be honest and open and avoid becoming frustrated or angry. Without insisting or confronting, a parent can extend an invitation. This includes attending Mass as a family on a special day or joining in a prayer before dinner. These small reminders of faith can open the door to a person's return. When a child leaves the faith, it can be easy to focus on this aspect of their lives, but it is an opportunity to love the person more deeply—to respect them but continue to witness to the truth and beauty of the faith, praying as St. Monica did, that a child might come home. *Excerpts from Catholic Telegraph Magazine December 2022 by Fr. David Endres.*

St. Teresa's Newman Center in Kearney has employment opportunities open for immediate hire. We are searching for a full-time Business Office Administrator/ part-time interim Bookkeeper and a full-time Director of Campus Ministry. These are integral positions for an effective college ministry and we would greatly appreciate your help in securing our next team members. Visit <https://www.lopercatholic.org/job-openings> for more info.

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