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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-
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May 21, 2023: 7th Sunday of Easter

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 5/22</i>	8:00 am	Tadd Schmid
<i>Tuesday 5/23</i>	8:00 am	Jennifer Schmid
<i>Wednesday 5/24</i>	5:30 pm	Recovery of Jim Safford
<i>Thursday 5/25</i>	8:00 am	+Gloria George
<i>Friday 5/26</i>	8:00 am	Names Book of Blessings/Memories
<i>Saturday 5/27</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 5/28</i>	10:00am	Michael Estrada

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

May 27-28, 2023 (Pentecost Sunday)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Ron Tejral
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
Server	James Krondak	Jacob Birulkin
	Nicholas Krondak	Johnathan Birulkin
Music	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane & Heather Johnsen

Stewardship: May 14, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$1,962,
 Flower Fund- \$100

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 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Invite and bring your neighbors, family, and friends.

A man is driving down a highway, and he hits and kills a rabbit. He gets out of the car and walks over to the rabbit. He picks it up and starts crying, thinking he’s a horrible person. Someone else driving down the highway stops and walks over to him, and asks, “What happened?” The man replies, “I hit this rabbit with my car and now it’s dead!” The other person gets a thoughtful look on their face and goes back to their car. They rummage around in the trunk, and eventually walk back over to the man holding a spray bottle. They spray the rabbit with the bottle, and it comes back to life. It starts hopping away, turning back every few hops to wave at the two people. The man, astounded, turns to the other person and asks, “What was in that bottle?” The other person replies, “It’s hare spray.”

Calling all North Platte St. Pat’s Alumni! Reunion Weekend 2023 on June 30th & July 1st, 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 NPC’s campus on July 1st. You may RSVP at any time by contacting the Endowment office: 308-534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org. Golf team registration and banquet RSVP’s can be made at: www.bidpal.net/spalumni23. Contact your classmates & make plans for a fun weekend!

Bishop James Conley will ordain three new priests for the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln Saturday, May 27 – Deacons Scott Nemecek, Loudon Redinger and Matthew Schilmoeller. The ordination Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln at 11 a.m. A livestream of the ordination Mass will be available YouTube channel. <https://youtube.com/live/ZNE4xeoFmfk>

The bishop will also ordain five new deacons at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ at 7 p.m. Friday, May 26 – Jonah Brox, Santiago Izquierdo, Augustine Reimers, Mitchell Schleiss and Ranil Weerackoon. A holy hour for the ordinandi will take place at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, 320 N. 16th St., Lincoln, at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25. All are invited to attend.

The Catholic Diocese of Lincoln Mass for the Homebound on Sunday, May 28th will air at 11:30 a.m. on KLKN-TV in Lincoln instead of at its usual time at 9:00 a.m., due to a network programming conflict. The Mass for the Homebound will air at its normal time at 9:30 a.m. on KSNB-TV in Hastings that day

Fr. Rand will be gone after Mass on Sunday, May 28 until Friday, June 2 to make the annual Diocesan Priest’s Retreat in Waverly.

Summer CCD with the Marian Sisters will begin on Sunday, June 4 with a Potluck for the entire parish at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a main dish and side dish/salad/or dessert. Beverages and tableware will be provided. The Summer CCD will begin Monday, June 5 and last through Friday, June 9.

This Memorial Day as Catholics, we should remember those who gave their lives for country and freedom. It is honorable to remember the sacrifice that has been made for our freedoms and is one of the works of mercy to pray for the dead. Gratitude for that sacrifice with our prayers is our response on Memorial Day. At the same time, we can also pray for peace and work for solutions that will not require war and bloodshed. Lastly, we should unite with the poor who are often victimized by war. Think about what you can do to help those who are victims and refugees of war.

DIOCESAN INVITATION: Spirit Catholic Radio invites you to a Eucharistic Encounter June 20th at Cathedral of the Risen Christ! This diocesan event will celebrate and deepen our Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Hear from speaker Fr. Malachy Napier, CFR, and Bishop James Conley. Participate in adoration, eucharistic piety, dynamic teaching, and powerful sacred music. View the Vatican International Exhibition, Eucharistic Miracles of the World display created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, who was named patron of the National Eucharistic Revival initiative and watch a video about his life. Doors will be open for Eucharistic Events from 5 - 10pm, and the Liturgical Program will take place from 6:45pm- 9:00pm. The event is free, and registration is not needed. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com/encounter for details.

The main difference between sin and spiritual success starts with self. How to find your Self (Spectrum): Draw a line, a “spectrum,” with arrows going two ways. On one end, write “I, me, and mine.” At the other, write, “God, we, and ours.”... Me vs. We, the choice between “my will” and “Thy Will.” A self-made, self-centered hell vs. a perfect ideal Heaven The full spectrum of relationships between selfish and selfless. The Self Spectrum is the distance between a complete focus on God and totally focusing on self. Padre Pio aka St. Pio of Pietrelcina may have offered one of the best and shortest explanations of the difference between sin and spiritual success, saying: “The root of all evil is ‘I,’ ‘me,’ ‘Mine.’” Sin, from the Garden of Eden onward, always starts with pride (wanting something we lack) and the related “me-first,” self-centered question: “what about me?”...While all Christians focus on God’s Word and The Way, Catholics also know a God we physically and spiritually join through the Eucharist, the viaticum (meaning food for the journey). We also call it Communion because it is time when many individuals come together as one Body of Christ, each literally taking His Body into our own bodies simultaneously. As Padre Pio explained: “It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.” Matthew Kelley argues that every journey toward something is a journey away from something else, so it’s often just as important to know what we

are moving away from as what we are trying to move toward. Jerome German writes that all who think the Eucharist is “symbolic” are arguing, “real Communion must be annihilated... Any exorcist worth his salt will attest to the terror that the presence of the Eucharist instills in demons. Satanists don’t go to churches of symbolic communions to steal bread to desecrate. One can only desecrate that which ‘hosts’ something greater. Symbolic bread hosts nothing. Only real hosts will do.” Solitary confinement is the ‘worst’ punishment: How the ‘I, me, mine’ focus crushes our souls. ... Today’s people put themselves in their own forms of solitary confinement: staring at cellphones and screens, so they don’t have to make eye contact with the people around them. We have never been so connected (via technology) and yet so completely alone and isolated. ..Pio preached “Don’t ever fall back on yourself when the storm is raging. Place all your hope in our most sweet Jesus. Renew your faith continually and never give up, for faith never abandons anyone, much less a soul that is yearning to love God.” ... Instead of focusing so much on themselves and their own woes, we urge these “self-focused lost sheep” to use the JOY method (Jesus, Yourself, Others), first to read words and ask: “How does this impact Jesus?” Secondly, to focus on others, and think of themselves third. ... Pride, looking at yourself, Padre Pio said, can be rightly called “the moth of the soul who aims at perfection.” Someone without humility cannot pray. Someone who makes excuses can’t repent. “Our world no longer heard God because it is constantly speaking at a devastating speed and volume, in order to say nothing,” Cardinal Robert Sarah argues. “Modern civilization does not know how to be quiet.” Father Mark Goring weeps every night, repenting for all he did wrong that day, offering his sins to God so he can start the next morning in complete joy. Padre Pio was certain: “You must speak to Jesus, not only with your lips but also with your heart; actually, on certain occasions, you should speak with only your heart.”--
excerpts from Catholic Way Home July 20, 2021 The Root of All Evil is I, Me, Mine.

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.

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 10:00am at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church parking lot, and ends at the Women's Resource Center with an open house.

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.

Human Life Exalted: Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne.

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.

Come and See: There will be a vocational discernment retreat with the Daughters of St. Paul from May 26-28 in St. Louis, MO. It is for women ages 18-30. There will be Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Silent Retreat Day, conferences by the Sisters, experience of the Pauline apostolate, community time and recreation, and more! Register at www.vocations.daughtersofstpaul.com/events.

BENEDICTINE SISTERS RETREAT: The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (Clyde, Missouri) will host an in-person Monastic Experience June 23-29. "It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer and open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer." This opportunity is for single women, age 18-40, who are considering religious life. There is no cost to attend. For more information or to learn about upcoming Monastic Experiences, including virtual opportunities, please contact Sister Maria Victoria at vocation@benedictinesisters.org, call (660) 944-2221 ext. 127, or visit www.BenedictineSisters.org and click on Vocations/Walk With Us.

Have you been able to make a donation or pledge for the Charity and Stewardship Appeal? Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps our parish and the poor.

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul. +Gwendell Hohensee ill- Jim Svec