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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 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 rectory-
 office@seas-np.org.*

May 5, 2024: 6th Sunday of Easter

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 5/6</i>	No Mass	
<i>Tuesday 5/7</i>	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday 5/8</i>	5:30pm	Blake & Teresa Niesen
<i>Thursday 5/9</i>	8:00am	+Joy Chilcott
<i>Friday 5/10</i>	5:30pm	Elli-Fugate-Schmidt
<i>Saturday 5/11</i>	5:00pm	Missa pro populo
<i>Sunday 5/12</i>	10:00 am	+Dick Cabela

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

May 11-12, 2024: 7th Sunday of Easter

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	John Bode
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Elijah Heimann	Kolbe Tejral
	James Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Monica Mordja	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

Stewardship: April 28, 2024: Adult- \$2602.00, Maintenance- \$50.00, Magnificat- \$26.00, Combined Collection- \$60.00

Masses for the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation, are Wednesday at 5:30pm and Thursday at 8:00am. It is obligatory, and is under the pain of mortal sin for deliberately choosing to miss it

Thank you to the Daughters of Charity for \$129.50 to cover the expense of Palms this year.

The Diocesan Corpus Christi Mass, Eucharistic Procession, and Family Carnival is Sunday, June 2, beginning with Mass at 10:30 am at the Good Counsel Retreat House (7303 N 112th St. by Waverly). Join Bishop Conley and guest homilist Fr. Paul Check.

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

Fr. Rand will be away for his semi-annual medical checkups May 6 and 7.

As a former atheist, I can tell you that God used many holy people to bring me back into the Church. But the devil also used people with traces of "toxic faith" to push me away. And sometimes, those people were one in the same. We are all compromised in our ability to evangelize well because we are sinners. And we all have traces of a toxic faith within us. If the devil can't get us out of the Church, he tries his best to poison our faith life. Here are some signs of toxic faith that I have noticed (and to be clear, this is not about pointing fingers but an examination of conscience for us all, including myself): 1. The Joyless Catholic: Are you unable to laugh with others about issues of faith or just let things go? Is your faith persnickety, scrupulous, and nitpicky more than it is generous, joyful, and open? 2. The Democrat/Republican Catholic: Do you have a hard time talking about faith without bringing up politics? I believe this is something that really pushes people away from the Church). People who obsess about politics, make villains of political figures, and speak about their ideological opponents in a dehumanizing way do a disservice to their own spiritual life as well as that

of others. Politics are important, but when it becomes level with our religious concerns or causes us to act in uncharitable ways, things are out of balance. 3. The Pharisaical Catholic: Is faith to you about duty and "doing" more than it is about inner transformation? When you talk about faith do you talk about "outward" things more than about conversion and prayer? This is not necessarily toxic but it can quickly become toxic. When prayer and relationship are not the center of our faith life then the devil will try to make exterior things the focus. Concentration on these outward concerns can quickly make us proud and judgmental which impedes a meaningful relationship with God and charitable interactions with others. 4. The "Us vs. Them" Catholic: Can you have a conversation about faith without mentioning the words "liberal" or "conservative" or one of the many other labels we use to disparage those we deem unfit to be Catholic? Do you regularly talk about the people or groups you consider to be your ideological enemies? If our faith life has become focused on other people who are doing it wrong, then we are doing it wrong. If there is a divisive, critical spirit beneath much of what we do or say in religious circles, then we can be pretty sure this does not come from the Spirit who unifies. Unity is a sign of something greater, something supernatural. When we live in the spirit of unity (while still speaking the truth in charity) it helps people believe in God because it is so contrary to worldly thinking (John 17:20-21). 5. The [Insert Pet Issue Here] Catholic: Do you spend more time thinking about one issue of the faith than your relationship with Jesus? God asks us to work for justice in many different areas. But he does not ask us to make any issue of charity, truth, or justice, no matter how important, the focus of our lives. There is nothing that should have greater focus than our relationship with God. Whether this is true in our lives is apparent in how we live out our passion for the issues God puts on our hearts and in how we treat others, no matter who they are. Did you recognize yourself in any of these descriptions? *excerpts from Sr. Theresa Noble Aleteia*

Daughters of Charity will not meet May 12 due to Mother's Day, but will meet on Sunday, May 19 after Mass.

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.

Registration for the Marian CCD week May 20-24 for our Parish families is now underway. The week will involve those entering First grade-8th grade, 8:00am-2:00pm, 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.

Once there was a little boy who lived in the country. For facilities, they had to use an outhouse, and the little boy hated it because it was hot in the summer, cold in the winter and stank all the time. The outhouse was sitting on the bank of a creek and the boy determined that one day he would push that outhouse into the water. One day after a spring rain, the creek was swollen so the little boy decided today was the day to push the outhouse into the creek. So he got a large stick and pushed. Finally, the outhouse toppled into the creek and floated away. That night his dad told him they were going to the woodshed after supper. Knowing that meant a spanking, the little boy asked why... The dad replied, "Someone pushed the outhouse into the creek today. It was you, wasn't it, son?" The boy answered yes. Then he thought a moment and said, "Dad, I read in school today that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and didn't get into trouble because he told the truth..." The dad replied, "Well, son, George Washington's father wasn't in that cherry tree!!"

Mark your calendars 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 8:00am. Watch for more information on events for the Eucharistic Revival North Platte, June 13-15, in future bulletins.

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 8th! 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 25th and May 8th. online: <https://www.northplategiving.org/organization/NPCatholicSchools>, or in person at the Endowment office (601 S. Tabor Ave). Thank you for your generosity and support on May 8th, and always!

Thank you to Steve & Janet Fear, Brenda Anderson and Mary Herout for their assistance in last week's Gift Gathering Soup Supper and all who came in support and fellowship.

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 Patrick's parking lot. 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 Patrick's 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.

Knights of Columbus Free Will breakfast will be on Sunday, May 12, from 8:30am-12:00pm.

The Charity and Stewardship Appeal (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. 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.

The Diocese of Lincoln Priest Convocation, called by Bishop Conley, will be held in Kearney, NE for all Lincoln Diocesan priests on the evening of May 27—Thursday, May 30th. Eight priests will

be assigned to cover emergencies throughout the Diocese during that time.

Thank you to all who taught CCD classes this past academic year. Your commitment to the education of our children and to helping them learn the meaning, ways and knowledge of the faith as a supplement to their parents will find rewards in heaven waiting for you as well as God's gratitude here on earth.

The “collective action” problem is the widely studied phenomenon in which *people could collectively take an action to benefit everyone, but because the individual benefit is not apparent, nobody completes the action.* In more common terms nothing gets started or finished because there is a lack of follow-through and commitment.

After the Last Supper, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He took with Him the Apostles Peter, James, and John. However, when He returned to where He had left them, He found them asleep. His exact words to Peter were, “Could you not watch with me for one hour?” That is a question and a challenge evidently for some of us, as well. Are we at Mass because we love the Lord, and we care for those in our community? Or are we there for some personal and selfish reason? There may be legitimate reasons for leaving a Mass before it is completed (sickness, unruly family members, emergencies). God understands that. Nevertheless, we need to make sure that our reasoning is indeed sound and not something petty or minor. After we receive the Eucharist at Mass, we are, in effect, a walking tabernacle and also a witness to all present who may not be familiar with our faith.

An Emergency Novena Prayer: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petition, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen. St Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us

For Your Prayers +Patsy Sabatka