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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 7, 2023: 5th Sunday of Easter

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 5/8</i>	8:00 am	+Renate Nordquist
<i>Tuesday 5/9</i>	8:00 am	Marshall Clark
<i>Wednesday 5/10</i>	5:30 pm	+Mike Ahnenman
<i>Thursday 5/11</i>	8:00 am	+Diana Garske
<i>Friday 5/12</i>	8:00 am	Mike & Erica Sindorf
<i>Saturday 5/13</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 5/14</i>	10:00am	Marty Safford

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

May 6-7, 2023 (5th 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- \$3,157.00,
 Maintenance- \$10, Holy Land- \$25, Magnificat- \$277

Thank you to Ed Rieker, Spencer & Tiffany Hampton & family, and Ron Tejral & daughter for their efforts in removing tree stumps, picking up rocks, and summer lawn preparation/maintenance.

Please continue to save glass jars and their lids throughout the summer (no longer need any more plastic cups) and place them by the rectory door. Bigger sizes are especially good. They are being saved for a Fall project.

Masses to meet the Holy Day of Obligation for the Ascension are the Wednesday Vigil, May 17, 5:30pm, and Thursday, May 18, 8:00am.

A man is walking through the woods when he sees a bear charging at him. He books it, but he knows he can't outrun a bear for long, so he starts praying, "Dear Lord, I beseech thee. Please, o Lord, please let this bear be Catholic!" The bear catches up to him, knocks him down on the ground, then gets on its knees and says, "Dear Lord, Bless us o Lord and these thy gifts..."

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.

Thank you to everyone that helped in any way for the funeral dinner and Mass for Rhett Morlang. It was greatly appreciated.

Last week, the U.S. Senate declined to advance a resolution asserting that the "Equal Rights Amendment" has been ratified as a new amendment to the Constitution of the United States. "The Catholic faith teaches that women and men are created with equal dignity, and we support that being reflected in law," explained Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities. "The proposed

'Equal Rights Amendment,' however, would likely create a sweeping new nationwide right to abortion at any stage, at taxpayer expense, and eliminate even modest protections for women's health and the lives of preborn children. It could also pose grave problems for women's privacy and athletic and other opportunities, and negatively impact religious freedom. Bishop Burbidge was joined by other chairmen of USCCB committees in a letter to Congress this past February where they voiced their opposition to the resolution: Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty, Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop Robert E. Barron of Winona-Rochester, chairman of the Committee for Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth.

May Crowning is celebrated in the month of May where an image or statue of Mary is crowned with a wreath of flowers and honored as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God. It carries deeper meaning for the Catholic faithful. Unlike most holidays, May Crowning doesn't have a set date and can be celebrated at any time during the month of May. There is no set ritual, but traditionally, May Crownings are celebrated connected to the Mass, at which a crown of flowers and/or herbs is placed on the head of a statue of Mary. While Mary, the Mother of God, is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate the "Queen of Heaven." May has been Mary's month since the medieval period, when May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. It's a time for new beginnings and the chance to begin with gratitude and devotion. There are many reasons she is considered the "Queen of Heaven." She was a perfect follower of Christ, and so is considered the Crown of Creation. She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of Israel and the universe. She is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother.

Congratulations to our high school graduates Madi Gifford and Harmon Johnsen! Please keep them in your prayers as they take the next step in their personal journeys.

Thank you to our CCD teachers (Ron & Mary Kate Tejral and Michael & Emily Krondak) of this past year and all the participating CCD families. The fellowship after class time last Sunday with Pizza provided a witness of gratitude and appreciation. CCD for a new academic year will begin again next August (with Summer CCD week June 5-9 for those registered).

If we have devotion to the Sacred Heart, we will wish to find it, to adore it, to love it, to offer it our reparation and praise, and where shall we look for it but in the Blessed Eucharist where it is found eternally living? If we love this adorable Heart, we will wish to unite ourselves to it, for love seeks union; we will wish to warm our hearts by the ardor of this divine fire; but to reach the Sacred Heart, to take hold of it, to put it in contact with our own, what shall we do? Shall we scale heaven to bear away the Heart of Jesus who reigns triumphant in glory? There is no need to do so. We will go to the Blessed Eucharist, we will go to the tabernacle, we will take the white Host, and when we have enclosed it in our breast, we will feel the divine Heart truly beating beside our own. Devotion to the divine Heart infallibly brings souls to the Blessed Eucharist, and faith in and devotion to the Blessed Eucharist necessarily lead souls to discover the mysteries of Infinite Love of which the divine Heart is the organ and the symbol. If we believe in the Blessed Eucharist, we believe in Love. It is the mystery of Love. But in itself love is immaterial and imperceptible. To fix our minds and our senses, we seek an outward form for love. This form, this sensible manifestation, is the divine Heart. The Sacred Heart, the Blessed Eucharist, and Love are one and the same thing. In the tabernacle we find the Host; in the Host, Jesus; in Jesus, his Heart; in his Heart, Love—infinite Love, divine charity, God, the principle of life, living and life-giving. --
Venerable Louise Margaret Claret de la Touche

Join us after weekend Masses for fellowship in the parish hall to meet and greet each other. Share in the nibbles and snacks provided by fellow parishioners.

Mass intentions are welcome, but are first come first serve if any specific date is requested. Currently the next two months are filled. Intentions can only be taken up to a year in advance and are subject to if Father becomes sick, attends diocesan meetings, or goes on vacation. The typical Mass

stipend in our diocese is \$10. Please put them in an envelope with your name on it and note if for a person whether they are living or deceased. Mass intentions may also be given for any intention (such as “Special”, Conversion of sinners, Poor Souls, etc....

Thank you to all who volunteer time to clean the church, parish hall, narthex and bathrooms in our parish. Each of you are appreciated!

Benefits of assisting at daily Mass: – At the hour of death, the Holy Masses you have heard devoutly will be your greatest consolation. – God forgives you all the venial sins which you are determined to avoid. He forgives you all your unknown sins which you never confessed. The power of Satan over you is diminished. – Every Mass will go with you to Judgement and will plead for pardon for you. – By every Mass you can diminish the temporal punishment due to your sins, more or less, according to your fervor. – By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord. – Through the Holy Sacrifice, our Lord Jesus Christ supplies for many of your negligences and omissions. – By piously hearing Holy Mass you afford the Souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief. – One Holy Mass heard during your life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death. – Through Holy Mass you are preserved from many dangers and misfortunes which would otherwise have befallen you. You shorten your Purgatory by every Mass. – During the Holy Mass you kneel amid a multitude of Angels, who are present at the Adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe. – Through Holy Mass you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs. – When you hear Holy Mass devoutly, offering it to Almighty God in honor of any particular Saint or Angel, thanking God for the favors bestowed on him, etc., you afford that Saint or Angel a new degree of honor, joy and happiness, and draw His special love and protection on yourself. *Taken from- The Hidden Treasure – Holy Mass” by St. Leonard of Port Maurice.*

Knights of Columbus Breakfast is Sunday, May 14 from 8:00am-12:00pm. Take your mother or grandmother out for breakfast and help our local Knights at the same time. Omelettes, pancakes, sausage, and more! Free will offering.

”To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 COR. 12:7 To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more 'God-centered' and less 'self-centered' and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

Families desiring a Catholic school education for their children that are in need of some assistance to meet their 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.

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.

Thank you to Meghan Trevino and the Daughters of Charity, who assisted with the graduation reception after Mass last week. Job well done and appreciated!

“On some questions regarding the participation of Catholics in political life” (2002) about St. Thomas More: “[He] gave witness by his martyrdom to the inalienable dignity of the human conscience. Though subjected to various forms of psychological pressure, Saint Thomas More refused to compromise, never forsaking the constant fidelity to legitimate authority and institutions which distinguished him; he taught by his life and his death that ‘man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality.’”—Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith

Holy Spirit Catholic Church will begin a 10 week Bible study – Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy on June 5 at 1:00 PM or 7:00 PM. 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 Thalken 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.

“O God our creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.” --United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Going to Lincoln—take a moment to stop by 1040 South Cotner Blvd and pray before the Blessed Sacrament with the “Pink Sisters”--In 1896, Saint Arnold Janssen and Mother Mary Michaela founded the Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration in Holland. The Sisters' rose-colored habit symbolizes joy in honor of the Holy Spirit and the Sisters' adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Flavin invited the Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration to the Lincoln Diocese in 1973. They were the first Community of cloistered contemplative nuns to take up residence in Lincoln. Bishop Flavin established the King's Men, a Pink Sisters Auxiliary of women, and the Ladies of the Eucharist, which are all associated with the Sisters. The Community continues its prayerful presence in the Lincoln Diocese and intercedes for it and the people of the Diocese of Lincoln.

The Easter season is nearing its end. Are we closer in the conversion of our hearts and minds to the Christlike example to which we have been invited? The fruits of having made a good Lent and nurtured by the Easter season will provide much not only for ourselves but for the world in which we live.

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