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# ST. ELIZABETH

### ANN SETON

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 14/21, 2024: 3rd & 4th Sundays of Easter

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
Parish Coordinator: Ashley
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?

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\*All bulletin news due at noon the Wednesday before the Sunday it is to appear. Email rectoryoffice@seas-np.org.\*

Mass Intentions			
Monday 4/15	No Mass		
Tuesday 4/16	No Mass		
Wednesday 4/17	No Mass		
Thursday 4/18	No Mass		
Friday 4/19	No Mass		
Saturday 4/20	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo	
Sunday 4/21	10:00am	+Martha Burbach	
Monday 4/22	No Mass		
Tuesday 4/23	No Mass		
Wednesday 4/24	No Mass		
Thursday 4/25	No Mass		
Friday 4/26	8:00 am	McKenna Ketter	
Saturday 4/27	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo	
Sunday 4/28	10:00am	+Herb & Eleanor Steffes	

#### LMA: April 20-21, 2024 AND April 27-28, 2024: 4th/5th Sunday of Easter

20-21	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Loren Baxa	Ron Tejral
Acolyte	Greg Vandenberg	Derek Miller
Server	James Krondak	Luke Miller
	Nicholas Krondak	Nathan Miller
Music	Monica Mordja	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Duane & Heather Johnsen
	Alice Robinson	

27-28	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Mary Herout	Cindy Swanson
Acolyte	Spencer Hampton	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Eidren Hampton	Kieran Tejral
	Keaton Hampton	Johnathan Birulkin
Music	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Dave Beran

Stewardship: April 14, 2024 Adult- \$2702.00 Magnificat- \$156.00 Holy Land-\$40.00 Maintenance \$26

<u>Fr. Rand will be</u> gone until the morning of April 26. In case of emergency, please call one of the North Platte priests or St. Patrick Parish in McCook.

In my junior year of high school, this guy asked me on a date. He rented a Redbox movie and made a pizza. We were watching the movie and the oven beeped so the pizza was done. He looked me dead in the eye and said, "This is the worst part." I then watched this boy open the oven and pull the pizza out with his bare hands, rack and all, screaming at the top of his lungs. For those wondering--We never had a second date.

North Platte St. Patrick's Church invites you to their next Eucharist Revival Book Study on *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. It will start April 17<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks. Two times available on Wednesdays at 2pm & 5:30pm. RSVP by calling (532-0942) or emailing (office@stpatsnp.org) the Parish.

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.

Salt Dogs Faith & Family Nights: Join us at Haymarket Park in Lincoln! We have a variety of entertainment beginning 2 hours prior to games including, In-Stadium Chapel with the Players, Catch in the Outfield, Player Autographs, and Live Church Band on the Concourse. Bake Sales & Merchandise Booths on the Concourse will remain until the end of the game. Upcoming dates are: Sun. May 19 @ 1:05pm; Sun. June 23 @ 1:05pm; Sun. July 14 @ 1:05pm; Wed. August 28 @ 7:05pm.

Supporting priests in their ministry is a priority for Ukrainian Knights of Columbus in union with Knights throughout the world, who launched a program in 2020 to give Mass stipends — small donations for celebrating Mass for specific intentions — to priests in need. The program has become all the more important since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. With many Ukrainian Parishes depleted of residents, priests can face great financial difficulties in addition to their other challenges. Some depend on Mass stipends to purchase

necessities like food. We have no other salary, no pension," he explained. "It is a means for us to more effectively carry out our pastoral activities." To learn more about our work in Ukraine and to support those efforts, visit kofc.org/ukraine.

Registration for the Marian CCD week (May 20-24) for our Parish families is now underway. The week will involve those entering 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. 8:00am-2:00 pm 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 the lavender sheet on the back of the table in the church. Contact Fr. Rand if the sheet is not there. Deposit it in the collection. or in 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.

The Soup Supper Gift Gathering will be Tuesday, April 30 from 5:00pm-6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Featuring Chili and Cajun Potato Soup. Free Will Offering. You are welcome to bring your own container and take a bowl or two home, or remain and enjoy some fellowship while you eat.

If you are new to our Parish and have not registered, please contact the office via email or contact Fr. Rand and receive a registration form to fill out. We look forward to your presence as part of our spiritual family of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

It takes courage! You can make a difference. You can help the Women's Resource Center provide another year of services to individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy. The WRC relies on individuals, churches and businesses in the community that believe in what they are doing. Their goal this year is \$100,000.00. The 2024 Walk for Life to raise funds will be May 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>. In our Parish Greg Vandenberg and Joan Ryland can be contacted to make a pledge.

Friday, April 26 · 9:30am - 1:30pm CDT--In Person and Zoom Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC) 2021 Transformation Drive Lincoln, NE 68508 Are you passionate about combating sex trafficking? Join us on Friday, April 26th to deepen your knowledge and response capabilities by

learning the scope of the issue, identification strategies and survivor-centered care. In-person registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Online registration is \$10. <a href="www.eventbrite.com/e/united-we-stand-human-trafficking-conference-registration">www.eventbrite.com/e/united-we-stand-human-trafficking-conference-registration</a>

Come to St. Robert Bellarmine in Omaha on April 26 and 27, 2024 to hear friends from EWTN and Catholic Answers speak on THE EUCHARIST: The Source and Summit of our Faith. This 2-day symposium will feature: Fr. Wade Menezes, Tim Staples, Coleen Kelly Mast, Joe Heschmeyer, and Stacy Trasancos. Jack Williams, General Manager of EWTN Radio, will serve as our emcee as we explore the Eucharist. A bookstore will be open before, during, and after the symposium with a Saturday box lunch available for pre-purchase. The symposium will be held from 7 - 9:30 pm Friday, April 26, and 9 am - 4:30 pm Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$25 each. For more info and to purchase tickets, go to spiritcatholicradio.com/April

St. Pat's: Blood Drive-Friday, April 29, 2024, 12:00pm-4:00pm. To make an appointment, call 532-0622. Donate blood and help a student earn a scholarship!

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly: Apr. 19-21: Back to the Garden Retreat for Young Adult Women with Sarina Stokes and Fr. Cole Kennett May 4-8: 4-day with Matt Simmons or Sarina Stokes; May 3-8: 5-day, or May 3-10: 8- day Ignatian Retreats with Matt Simmons May 10-11: Let's Talk Roses Retreat for Women, with Janette Howe. To read more and register, go to www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org, or 402-786-2705.

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 am. Watch for more information on events for the Eucharistic Revival in North Platte (June 13-15) in future bulletins.

<u>Totus Tuus registration</u> 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!

An elderly man had owned a farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, to look it over. He grabbed a bucket to bring back some fruit from the nearby orchard. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing. "That ole farmer is almost senile." shouted one while another mocked his old age, all together. As he came closer, he saw that it was a bunch of young teens in his pond. He made the teens aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of them shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!" "Nothing you can do about it!" The old man shouted back, "I didn't come down here to scold you or make you get out of the pond." Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the crocodiles!"

Please watch for the Charity and Stewardship
2024 appeal in your mail in coming weeks. Your gifts not only help the many needs of our own Diocese, but 80 percent is returned to our Parish for its support of a Catholic school—part of our own local mission to provide the opportunity for a Catholic atmosphere in education. Your generosity to the CSA 2024 does make a difference!

<u>High School graduates</u> will be honored at Mass on Sunday, April 28.

Save the date and please support North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment on North Platte Giving Day -- Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>! 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 25<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>. online: <a href="https://www.northplattegiving.org/organization/NPCatholicSchools">https://www.northplattegiving.org/organization/NPCatholicSchools</a>, or in person at the Endowment office (601 S. Tabor Ave). Thank you for your generosity and support on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and always!

Confidential healing after abortion for women and men and family members is just a text away. Rachel's Vineyard retreat is coming up April 19- 21 near Omaha/Lincoln. \$300 with partial scholarships available. A Spanish speaking retreat is coming this summer. Contact helpingrachel@yahoo.com or call or text 402-671-3749.

One of the minimum requirements in the Church is called by some the Easter duty, requiring Catholics to receive holy communion at least once during the Easter Season. This requirement is spelled out in the Code of Canon Law. Can. 920 §1. After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year. §2. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year. The Catechism of the Catholic Church adds that this Easter duty for Catholics should be preceded by confession. The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily. CCC 1389 This requirement is meant to serve as a bare minimum for Catholics, as they are encouraged to frequent both the sacraments of holy communion and reconciliation throughout the year. The Easter duty also emphasizes Jesus' resurrection and its connection to the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave the Church. Easter is the time of the year when the Church more intimately reflects on these central beliefs of the Christian faith.

<u>To foster deep</u> devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast on May 1 extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Cultivate a devotion to St. Joseph who was chosen by God to safeguard, nurture and be the foster father of Jesus and spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Lord God, you blessed Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton with gifts of grace as wife and mother, educator, and foundress, so that she might spend her life in service to your people. Through her example and prayers may we learn to express our love for you, in love for our fellow men and women. We ask this through Christ our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for Us!

One of the earliest stories of Jesus finds him walking along the shore; he sees two people, and then two others, all of them working as fishermen. "Come after me," he says. And, once they followed the Christ, their lives became part of the story of salvation. Come, hear the Lord calling each one of us; come, follow the Teacher who makes us his disciples. Our invitation asks every believer to discover ways that he or she can realize this plan in every way appropriate—personally, in the family, in the neighborhood and Parish, or as part of a larger organization. Discover how the Spirit is leading you to evangelize. To do this takes questioning and searching, discovery and decision. But, most of all, it takes faith. We invite you: Make this plan your plan. Make the invitation to others to join us at Mass and let the Spirit work with them. Share your own story of faith and help them discover their own story.

Meal Train: Ryan & Kate Wartman welcomed a sweet baby boy into their family. Please use the link below to bless them with a meal or call Ashley at 402-202-9214 to sign up. www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=RIVB4525

<u>For Your Prayers</u> +Patricia Kimminau +Marie Hotovy +Ralph Anderson +Jon Castillo