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#### Apostolate of Suffering

## United together in our suffering

Founded in 1926 by Clara M. Tiry, the Apostolate of Suffering seeks to unite all sufferers in a spiritual union. Its purpose is to assure the sick and the afflicted that their lives are not useless, that by patient bearing of pain they can help spread the Kingdom of God on earth. It aims to promote among its members a childlike abandonment to God's Holy Will. Members offer their sufferings for:

- ♦The conversion of sinners
- ♦The salvation of the dying
- ♦The release of poor souls from Purgatory
- ♦Increase of vocations the priesthood and religious life
- ♦The success of missionary work
- ♦The sanctification of priests
- ♦The reparation for sins committed against the Blessed Eucharist

Membership is open to the sick or to those who, though able to work, are afflicted with some disease, ailment, or infirmity that causes suffering. Men and women, priests and religious, young and old, are eligible for membership, as are patrons of the sick. Spiritual benefits of membership include:

- ♦Holy Masses are offered every month for the members and their intentions
- ♦A share in the annual novena of Holy Masses and other novenas during the year
- ♦A memento in the daily Holy Mass of the Spiritual Director and other priests
- ♦All members share in each other's prayers and the merits performed according to the spirit of the Apostolate
- ♦Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II granted his blessing to the Apostolate and the members

For more information on becoming a member of the Apostolate of Suffering, fill out the form below and return it in the enclosed remit envelope.

Yes, I would like more information on membership in the Apostolate of Suffering!

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# Via Satoris

## WAY OF THE SOWER

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Blessed James Duckett

## Father, forgive them

This great apologist was martyred for the Catholic faith in the year 1602.

He was brought up as a Protestant in England during the time when being a Catholic was punishable by imprisonment and death. He was born near Kendal in Westmorland and was educated in a Protestant school. As a youth, he attended Protestant services regularly until he read a book which shook his faith to the core. It was entitled *The Foundation of the Catholic Church*. After reading it he was convinced of the truths of the Catholic faith and stopped attending services at St. Edmund's, his local Protestant parish.

After noticing his absence from religious services, the clergyman at St. Edmund's summoned the youth and questioned him about his sudden absence. The courageous young man made no bones about the real reason for his change of heart. He challenged his Protestant pastor by informing he would stay away until someone gave him more convincing arguments to the contrary. This landed him two sentences in prison.

He later married a young widow with whom he had a son who went on to be the prior of a Carthusian monastery in Newport. He spent nine of their twelve years of marriage in jail because of his Catholic faith which he repeatedly refused to denounce.

His thirst for the conversion of souls to the Catholic faith led to his commitment to the reproduction and distribution of Catholic books. Due to the confession of a bookbinder on death row named Peter Bullock he was arrested and placed on trial. Mr. Bullock turned on his friend in an attempt to gain a pardon and his eventual freedom. This backfired. Not only was his testimony influential in condemning Blessed James, he was put to death the same day and died shoulder to shoulder with the great man James Duckett.

To his weeping wife he said, "If I were made the Queen's secretary of treasurer you would not weep. Do but keep yourself God's servant and in the unity of God's Church, and I shall be able to do you more good, being now to go to the King of kings." To his traitor beside him with ropes around their necks he assured him of his forgiveness and begged him to die a faithful Catholic in the waning seconds of his earthly life. We can only pray he did.

Only with a Christ-like attitude would one be concerned for another immediately before death, especially if they were responsible for your own arrest and martyrdom. His words echo the words of Jesus Christ on the cross, "Father, forgive; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). Through the grace of God may we do likewise, being courageous in our faith till the end and forgiving of our neighbor. Blessed James Duckett was put to death on April 19, 1601. He was beatified by Pope Pius XI on December 15, 1929. His feast day is celebrated on April 19. Blessed James Duckett, pray for us!!

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## Agency Update- April 2011

# Many like her come through our doors

Dear Friend in Christ:

Greetings from all of us at Catholic Social Services! Recently, an elderly couple with a disabled adult child came in for help with their utility bill. Some months they have difficulty making ends meet with what they receive from Medicare. This was such an instance. After receiving help, they were very grateful to say the least. There are many others like them who come through our doors. Only through your help are we able to assist them.

Please consider helping us spiritually with your prayers, materially with your unneeded items around your home

and a financially with a contribution according to your means so we can continue assisting needy individuals and families like the elderly couple discussed above.

Please know that we at Catholic Social Services will keep you, your family and intentions in our daily prayers!!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus who died on the cross so we can live eternally,

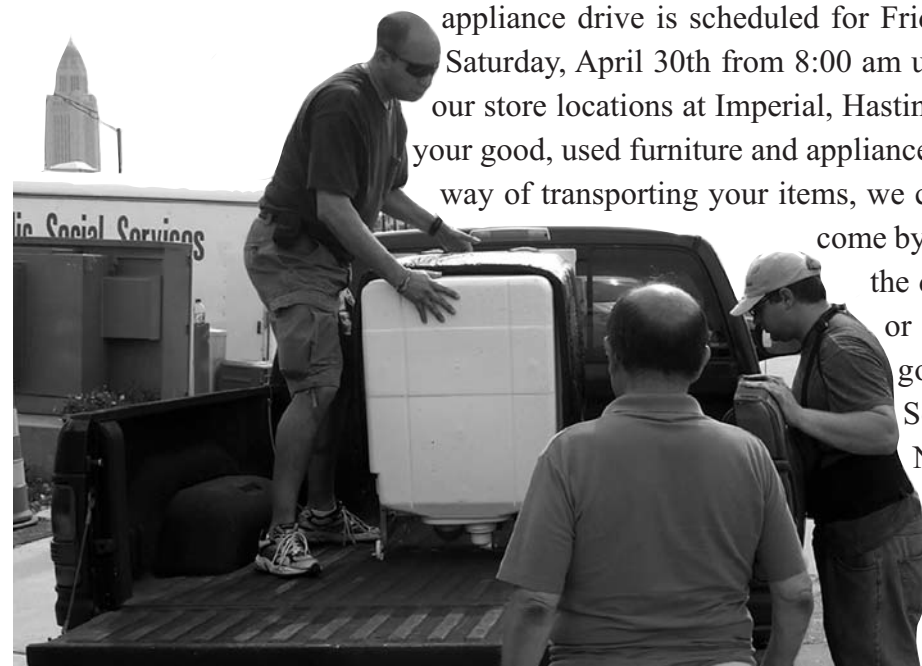


Fr. Christopher Kubat  
Executive Director

## CSS Is US!

# CSS Is US! Used Furniture and Appliance Drive set for April 29th & 30th

One of the greatest challenges we face as an agency is providing for the material needs of those in need across the diocese. Thousands are served throughout southern Nebraska through our direct services and our Gift & Thrift Stores. In March of 2010, we opened the St. Isidore Gift & Thrift in Imperial, to go along with our stores in Hastings, Auburn and Lincoln. One of our most important ways we replenish our supply of used furniture and appliances is by holding our "CSS Is US! Used Furniture and Appliance Drive". Our next used furniture and appliance drive is scheduled for Friday, April 29th from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm and Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 am until noon. This year's drive will be held at our store locations at Imperial, Hastings and Lincoln. You are invited to drop off your good, used furniture and appliances at our locations. However, if you have no way of transporting your items, we can schedule a time for one of our trucks to come by and pick up the items. Items collected from the drives will be used by giving it to the needy or selling it in our thrift stores with proceeds going to the support of our Emergency Services programs. Watch the Southern Nebraska Register for more information, or check out our website at [www.cssisus.org](http://www.cssisus.org) or our Facebook page for more information. Thank you to all who assist us with the drives... CSS IS Us!



## Our Catholic Culture

# Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday begins the Triduum, which beginning in the 4th century celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Originally, these three days began on Good Friday, but it seemed natural to include Holy Thursday because the commemoration of Good Friday began at sunset on the previous evening. The oldest title for this day is "Thursday of the Lord's Supper." It commemorates the gospel events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Originally, Holy Thursday was a day of preparation for the three-day celebration of the Paschal Mystery rather than a part of it. On this day, repentant sinners were absolved and welcomed back into the parish community so that they could participate in the paschal festivities.

Since about the 5th century in local churches, the Holy Thursday ritual has included a ceremonial washing of feet by the presiding celebrant. This practice spread to Rome about the 12th century. The ritual imitates Jesus'



Last Supper act of service and humility when he washed the feet of the apostles. Twelve participants are chosen from the parish at large to act as the apostles during the ceremony. In the early years of this ritual, some parishes deliberately chose these "twelve apostles" from the very poor or "rejected" citizens to emphasize the theme of service.

In the early church this ritual was common during the year as an act of charity and was even considered a sacrament.

As Mass comes to an end, the first hints of a new theme begin to emerge: an anticipation of suffering and death. The altar is stripped in silence. This action is considered symbolic of the stripping of Jesus before the crucifixion. The congregation begins leaving quietly. The Eucharist has been removed from the tabernacle and placed in an altar of repose marking the beginning of a period of somber reflection.



Saturday, May 14, 2010 ♦ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Pius X High School ♦ 60<sup>th</sup> & A Street, Lincoln

Catholic Social Services presents the annual *That Takes the Cake! A Frosted Fundraiser for St. Gianna Women's Homes*. Area bakers and celebrities will have their most creative works on display vying for your vote for best decorated cake.

♦**VOTE!** Come out and vote for your favorites- vote as often as you like for as many cakes as you like- for just \$1 per vote!

♦**SILENT AUCTION!** All cakes entered will be auctioned off during the silent auction, so you can also place a bid on all of your favorite frosted creations!

♦**CAKE WALK & BAKE SALE!** Take part in the St. Gianna's Cake Walk or Bake Sale and walk away with a tasty treat!

♦**LET THEM EAT CAKE!** Enjoy complimentary cake and refreshments courtesy of Russ's Market and Super Saver! Plus, free face painting for the kids!

♦**ADMISSION IS \$5 PER PERSON, \$25 PER FAMILY**

Tickets are available at Catholic Social Services (2241 O Street) during regular business hours or at the door the day of the event.

For more information, contact Lisa at  
(402) 450-5529 or (402) 423-5440

