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### St. Christopher Vehicle Donation Program

## You're old trade-in is worth a lot to us!

The St. Christopher Vehicle Donation Program is in dire need of good, used vehicles. Thinking about trading in 'ol faithful? Donate it instead! Your donated vehicle will either be given to a family or individual in need of dependable transportation, sold with proceeds going to assist our work with the poor or added to our agency fleet- plus you receive the tax benefits! Contact us to learn more about how your good, used vehicle can serve the needy of southern Nebraska. If you would like to donate your vehicle to the St. Christopher Vehicle Donation Program at Catholic Social Services, just fill out the information below and return it in the enclosed remit envelope. We will then contact you regarding your donation. God bless you and thank you for your generosity!

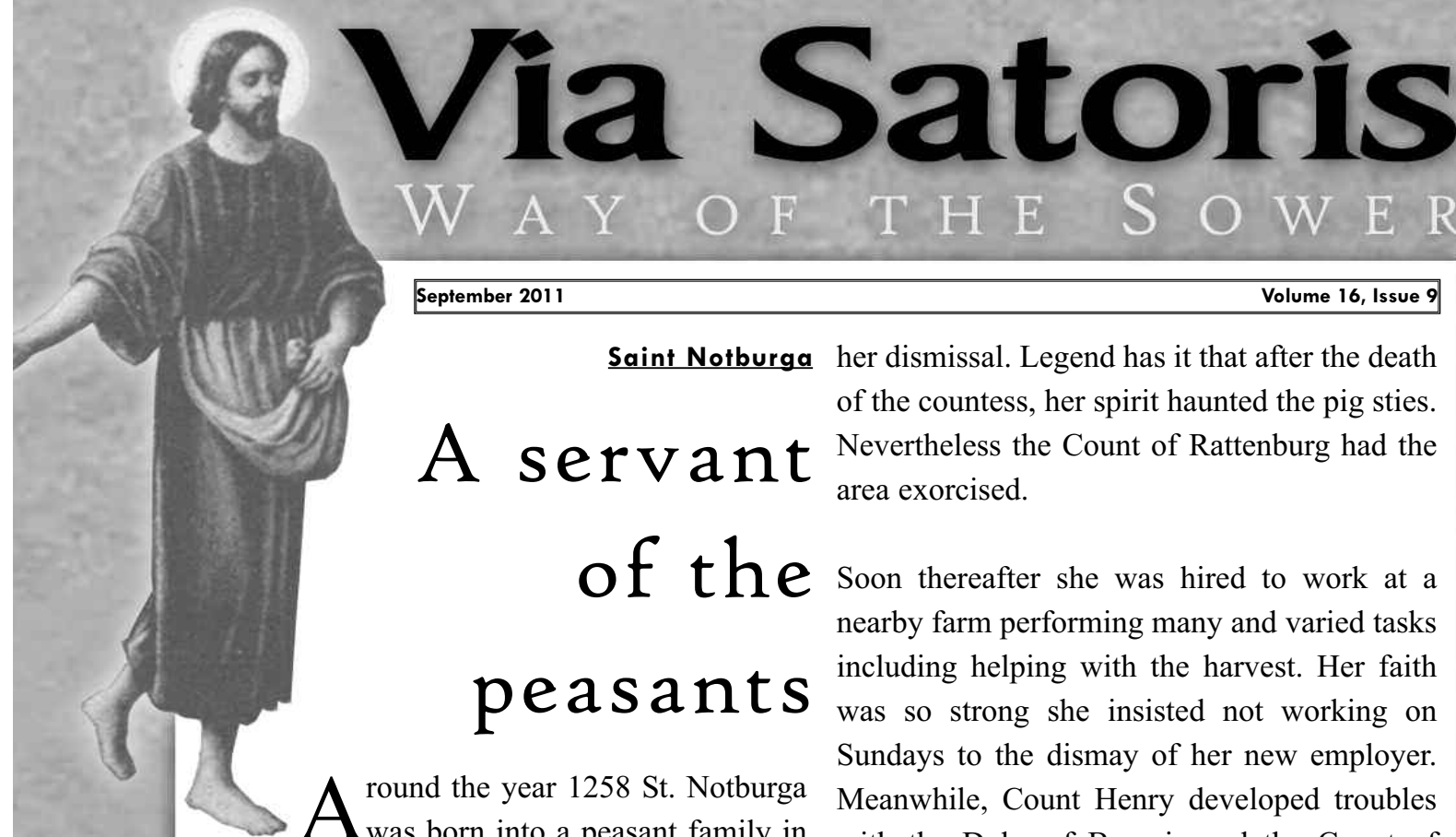
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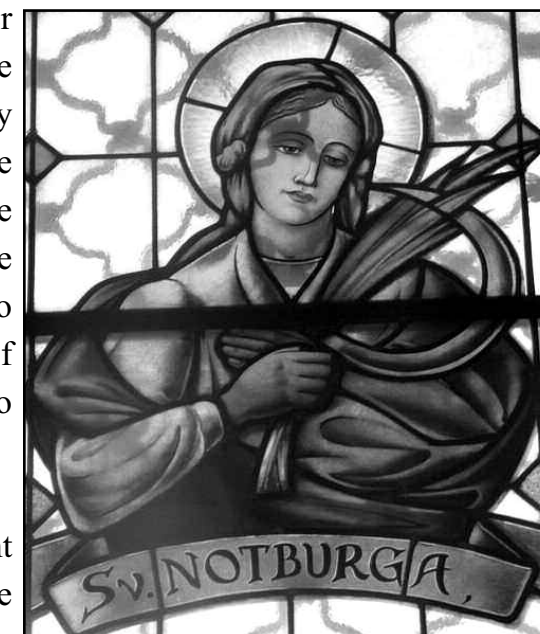
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### Saint Notburga

## A servant of the peasants

Around the year 1258 St. Notburga was born into a peasant family in Rattenburg, Tirol. At the age of eighteen she was hired by Count Henry and Countess Ottilia to work in the kitchen of their castle. Noticing the abundance of leftover food after each meal she started giving it away through a side door of the castle most likely the servant entrance to the kitchen. She even went so far as to give away some of her own food to those who were starving.



After the death of Count Henry's mother, the countess discovered her charitable leanings and ordered her to place all leftover food into buckets to be later given to the swine outside. After awhile she started once again sneaking food to the hungry which led to

her dismissal. Legend has it that after the death of the countess, her spirit haunted the pig sties. Nevertheless the Count of Rattenburg had the area exorcised.

Soon thereafter she was hired to work at a nearby farm performing many and varied tasks including helping with the harvest. Her faith was so strong she insisted not working on Sundays to the dismay of her new employer. Meanwhile, Count Henry developed troubles with the Duke of Bavaria and the Count of Tirol. Since he blamed all of this new trouble on the unfair firing of St. Notburga he hired her back. It is said she lived the rest of her life in peace. We can assume her charitable works of relieving the misery of the hungry and homeless were done in an unhindered fashion thereafter. In 1862 Pope Pius IX declared her patroness of poor peasants and hired servants. Her feast day is celebrated on September 16th. By her intercession and prayers from her place in heaven,

may we develop a greater love for Jesus who lives in the poor and needy (Mt 25:31-46). St. Notburga, pray for us!

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## Agency Update- September 2011

## An abundance of goodness

Hello from Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska! As the harvest ensues it is a time to pause and thank God for His abundant goodness. It is also a good time to think about those who are in need like St. Notburga did during her lifetime. She actually worked for a time as a young woman in the fields harvesting grain during the latter part of the 13th century. Her main concern in life was assisting people who were hungry and in need. I hope you have a chance to read her short biography included in this newsletter.

Recently a concerned pastor in a smaller rural parish in the western region of the diocese called about a young family with children who were unable to pay their utilities because of some unfortunate circumstances. He knew their story well and called for help. Only because the generosity

of the people of southern Nebraska we were able to respond.

Please consider helping us spiritually with your prayers, materially with donations of items around the house not needed (including vehicles), and financially with a cash donation according to your means so we can continue helping those in need across southern Nebraska. Please know we will keep you, your family and intentions in our daily prayers!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,



Fr. Christopher Kubat  
Executive Director

## Our Catholic Culture

## The Patron Saints of farmers

With September upon us, harvest season across Nebraska will soon be here. Farming is at the core of the culture and economy of our state, and it is important for us all to remember to pray for those in the agricultural community year round. Throughout the history of the Catholic Church, a number of saints have been declared the patron saints of farmers, including Saint Notburga. Here is a brief look at more patron saints of farmers:

♦**St. Isidore.** A pious farmer, Isidore was married to Saint Mary de la Cabeza. Accused by fellow workers of shirking his duties by attending Mass each day and taking time out for prayers, Isidore claimed he had no choice but to follow the highest Master. One tale says that when his master came in the morning to chastise him for skipping work for church, he found angels plowing the fields in place of Isidore.

♦**St. Phocas the Gardener.** An innkeeper and gardener, Phocas was a martyr. He used his surplus crops to feed the poor. He even cared for the soldiers sent to execute him for being a Christian by feeding and sheltering them before digging his own grave.

♦**St. Benedict of Nursia.** The twin brother of Saint Scholastica, Benedict studied in Rome but was dismayed by the lack of discipline of his fellow students so he fled to the mountains and lived as a hermit in a cave for three years. He founded the monastery at Monte Cassino, where he wrote the Rule of his order. At one point there were over 40,000 monasteries guided by the Benedictine Rule.

♦**Saint Walstan of Bawburgh.** Son of a prince, Walstan was renowned for his charity and intense personal goodness, spending his life in prayer. Wealthy, he gave away his goods and worked as a farmhand at Taverham and Costessey.



## CSS Is US!

## Catholic Social Services' Bishop Flavin Memorial Sporting Clays Tourney scheduled for October 22nd

On Saturday, October 22nd, Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard will again host our annual CSS Bishop Flavin Memorial Sporting Clays Tourney. We named this event in honor of Bishop Glennon P. Flavin, who was an avid hunting enthusiast. All net proceeds from the Sporting Clays Tourney will go towards assisting the needy throughout southern Nebraska. There are a number of ways you can support this fun and important fundraising event:

♦**Shell Sponsor:** The \$1500 fee helps underwrite the event and includes up to two five-person teams and a buffet. Your business logo will appear in the tournament program.

♦**Tourney Sponsor:** The \$1,000 fee includes one five-person team and a buffet. Your business logo will appear in the tournament program.

♦**Corporate Team:** The \$625 fee includes a five-person team, shells for the event and a buffet meal for each team member. Your business logo will appear in the tournament program.

♦**Parish Team:** The \$500 fee includes a five-person team, including shells and a buffet meal for each team member. With the parish team, we ask that at least one member of the team be a priest.

♦**Priest Sponsor:** There is no cost for a priest to participate, so the \$125 priest sponsor donation underwrites this cost.

♦**Individual Shooter:** Don't have a team but want to shoot? No problem! Sign up for \$125 and we will find you a team.

♦**Youth Shooter:** Any youth high school and under can sign up for only \$60. Sign up your youth team or have a youth join your team at this reduced rate. This is a great way for a family or youth group to have some fun!

♦**Station Sponsor:** Your family, parish organization or business can sponsor a shooting station for \$100. Your name will appear on a sponsor sign at a station.

**Registration and shooting games will take place from 8:00 am until 10:00 am.** The main event will take place from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. The event will conclude with a buffet meal, awards and raffle drawing at 1:00 pm. Visit our website at [www.cssisus.org](http://www.cssisus.org) for more information or fill out the registration form below and return it in the enclosed envelope.



## BISHOP FLAVIN MEMORIAL SPORTING CLAYS TOURNEY REGISTRATION FORM

Please copy and submit a registration form for each participant, if paying separately. Only one form is needed if paying for the entire group. Please submit entries in the same envelope.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Shooting games and registration begins at 8:00 a.m., shotgun start at 10:00 a.m.**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of sponsor:  Shell (\$1500)  Tourney (\$1000)  Corporate Team (\$625)  Parish Team (\$500)

Individual Shooter (\$125)  Youth Shooter (\$60)  Priest Sponsor (\$125)  Station (\$100- no team)

Team Members:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee includes:

♦Buffet meal ♦100 sporting clay targets and shells ♦One free ticket per shooter for games

**All shooters must wear eye (prescription or sunglasses) and ear protection. ATV's are welcome; golf carts are available for \$15 per shooter and must be reserved two weeks in advance.** Registration forms are due **October 1, 2011. Field limited to 130 participants, first come first served basis.** Return the completed form(s) and fees in the enclosed remit envelope.