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## WAY OF THE SOWER

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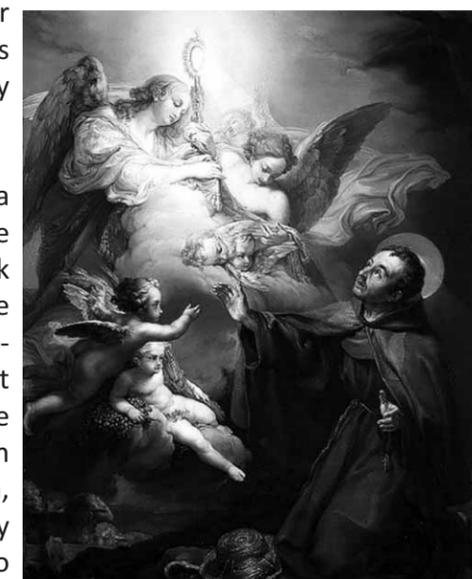
St. Paschal Baylon

## Total devotion to the Eucharist

the order, he spent many nights praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Because of his intense love for Jesus in the poor and needy, he gave most of his food to those who were hungry. He did so because, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

On one occasion, his superior sent him to France to deliver a message to Fr. Christopher de Cheffontaines. Because of the local anti-Catholic Huguenots, he almost lost his life. Since they vehemently denied the true presence of Jesus in the

St. Paschal was born on Pentecost Sunday in Torrehermosa, Spain on May 16, 1540. Although his parents, Martin and Elizabeth Baylon, were humble peasants, they owned a herd of sheep. Because of the family's lack of funds, he never had any formal schooling as he was needed as a shepherd for the family flock from an early age.



Blessed Sacrament, he was a set up for persecution since he was well known to spend many hours daily in front of the tabernacle including during the night.

Because of an ardent desire from a young age to pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he took a book with him as he worked the flock, asking anyone he encountered to teach him the alphabet and how to read. He must have been very bright because he soon learned how to read. In addition, because of the necessity to stay with the animals, he was not able to attend Mass each Sunday. Because of this, he was known to kneel during the Holy Sacrifice looking at the far away church. People who were in the habit of using foul language would cease and desist when they were in his presence because sanctity exuded from his soul.

As providence would have it, he died on Pentecost Sunday 1592, at the age of 52 while uttering the holy name of Jesus just before the bells were rung at Mass (indicating the elevation of the Sacred Host). He is the patron saint of all Eucharistic Congresses and confraternities of the Blessed Sacrament. He was beatified by Pope Paul V on October 29, 1618 and canonized

on October 16, 1690 by Pope Alexander VIII. His feast day is celebrated on May 17. Through his intercession, may we too develop the habit of spending regular time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It is there that Jesus will draw us closer to Our Father through the Holy Spirit. St. Paschal Baylon, pray for us!

Despite being initially rejected for admission, he eventually became a lay Franciscan brother. Once in

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# Once again thanks to you, we could help

Hello from Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. I hope you have a free moment to read about this month's saint, St. Paschal Baylon. He is the patron saint of all Eucharistic Congresses and confraternities of the Blessed Sacrament because of the love and devotion he had for the Blessed Sacrament during his lifetime.

Recently a single man with children called and left a message on our answering machine. It was a tearful thank you. He has history of living in his vehicle with his boys and after finding employment found an apartment he could afford. After suffering some unexpected medical expenses, he was unable to pay his rent. Thanks to our generous donors we were able to step in and prevent an eviction.

I pray you are able to help us spiritually with your prayers, materially with items around your home or farm not needed (including vehicles), and financially with a cash donation according to your means so we can continue to assist the many individuals and families who come to us in crisis like the man mentioned above. I also pray that you are able to spend some



time each week in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is there that Jesus will mold you into His likeness.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Christopher Kubat

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## Give To Lincoln Day to take place May 30th

This year's Give to Lincoln Day, a 24-hour event that encourages you to contribute to Lincoln and Lancaster County nonprofit organizations, is May 30th. You can donate now at [www.GiveToLincoln.com](http://www.GiveToLincoln.com) and it will count towards our May 30th total. Every dollar donated via Give To Lincoln Day helps us receive a share of the \$450,000 challenge match fund provided by the Lincoln Community Foundation and their sponsors. You can also increase the amount we receive by choosing to cover our portion of the credit card and processing fees during checkout- it's a small amount but it adds up! Check donations will be accepted on the 30th at the Lincoln Community Foundation (215 Centennial Mall S.) from 8am-5pm (checks MUST be made out to the Lincoln Community Foundation with our name in the memo- checks must be presented IN PERSON on the 30th). Thank you for your prayers and support!



SAVE THE DATE!

### St. Francis SUMMER'S EVE Celebration

A benefit for the work of Catholic Social Services throughout Auburn and southeast Nebraska  
Sunday, June 30, 2019 5:00 PM-7:00 PM  
The Spirit of Brownville Riverboat  
Watch for details coming soon to [www.cssisus.org](http://www.cssisus.org)

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# We are all part of Christ's family

When we consider our "family," we often think first about our relatives, and maybe our neighbors, maybe those we interact with most immediately, at work or in school, or in our church parish. However, our Christian community—our family—extends much further than our own immediate relatives and parish communities. When God created us, He created us all as His children, and as such, we are all part of Christ's family. And sometimes, we are reminded of this relationship through the opportunities we have to serve others.

Recently, a couple preparing to adopt contacted me about the possibility of helping the birth mother with her ongoing needs after the birth of the child. While committed to carrying the baby to term, she struggled; for her, after the birth of her son and subsequent adoption, there would remain bills to pay, other family members to care for, and work to be done. Now inexorably linked to the child's biological mother, their family was, by their new child, her family. And a loving family has a duty to care for itself and those a part of it.



At Catholic Social Services, we offer programs and services that strive to meet the needs of the poor and others, whether that be through a food pantry, cash assistance, employment support, and temporary shelter. Or, in the case of this young birth mother, a car for getting to work everyday. A vehicle donation came into our O Street office that directly fit the needs of the mother, and was immediately designated to this young woman, a woman who through the prayer and support of others in our diocese had the courage to say yes to life.

The miracle of this baby, who is not yet three months old now, through the charitable giving of a vehicle and by the prayers and intercessions of countless others, brought together strangers, and showed them how connected we all truly are. They are now family. But, they already were. We are all one family, the family of God.

*Katie Hile, Regional Director of Social Services*

**Last year, we were blessed to have 660 volunteers across southern Nebraska donate 25, 228 hours of service. This translates to a value of \$275,742 to our agency. Thank you all for being a part of CSS Is US!**