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June 2019



In conjunction with the CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction, we're selling raffle tickets for \$1,000 or two 2019 Nebraska football season tickets! **Raffle tickets are 1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$20.00.** Just print this form, fill out the information at the right and send it to us with your check. Due to postal regulations, raffle ticket stubs cannot be returned by mail for purchases over the Internet, through the mail or by phone. However, a receipt of your purchase with ticket number(s) will be sent to you via US Mail. When an order is placed, we will complete the ticket by filling in the name, address, and phone number, and we will drop the ticket in the barrel at our office. See the form at the right for more details. Mail orders must be received in our office by **August 8th.**

The winners will be drawn at the CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction at Hillcrest Country Club on Friday, **August 9, 2019.** The first name drawn will choose between the season tickets or the \$1,000; the second name will win the remaining prize. You need not be a golfer or a participant in our Golf Classic & Auction to win! In fact, you need not be present to win, but it would be a lot more fun if you were! Good luck!

The CSS \$1,000 or 2019 Nebraska Football Season Ticket Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Of Tickets _____ Amount enclosed _____ (1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$20)

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Blessed Mary of Oignies

Consumed with doing the will of the Father

We are grateful to Cardinal James de Vitry because he is the one who wrote the biography of this illustrious holy woman. It is said that her holy example led this man to accept the calling to the priesthood. This makes perfect sense because the good example of Catholics lead people to Christ and His Church while the bad example of Catholics lead others away.

She was born to parents of means in the year 1177 in Nevelles, Brabant (present day Belgium). From an early age she was interested in anything holy. As she grew older, she displayed an aversion for wearing fancy clothing to the dismay of her mother. Despite informing her parents of her desire to enter the religious life, her parents gave her hand in marriage to a fine young man from a wealthy family at the age of 14. Grace must have exuded from her because she convinced her new husband to live mutually chaste lives while devoting themselves to prayer and helping the poor. They even went as far as starting a home for lepers and caring for them with

their own hands, spending their fortune for their care to the dismay of their relatives. They did not fear contracting the disease for they knew that everything they did for the lepers, they did to Jesus (Mt 25:31-46).

Mary had an intense loving relationship with the Blessed Sacrament and after an unknown number of years, with agreement of her husband, she retired to a cell and devoted herself for the rest of her life to prayer and fasting. It was during this period of her life that she spent most of the day in front of the tabernacle. It is said that she spent over a month without food and water except for the reception of Holy

Communion, which miraculously sustained her.

God gave her many gifts including mystically being present in other locations and foretelling future events. She even was given the gift of being spiritually present at a friend's first Mass of thanksgiving without having been there bodily. There are even reports that the fires of the Holy Spirit are what kept her warm during the winter, especially during her times of prayer.



Blessed Mary of Oignies died on June 23, 1213 at the age of 36. Her feast day is celebrated on June 23. Through the intercession of Blessed Mary of Oignies, may we too burn with the consuming fire of the Holy Spirit so we too will desire nothing more than to do the will of our Heavenly Father. Blessed Mary of Oignies, pray for us!

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Thank you to our Via Satoris readers!

Hello from Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. I trust you will have a free moment to read about the life of Blessed Mary of Oignies, who we feature in this issue. She was an exemplary Catholic who later in life spent many hours with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

As this is my last Via Satoris, I would like to thank our supporters who have supported Catholic Social Services through the years via this venue. As I move on to St. Cecilia in Hastings, Nebraska, I will be looking forward to reading about each month's featured saint or beatified written by the new executive director, Fr. Justin Fulton. I am confident he will do a wonderful job at the helm of CSS.

Through your support over the years. You have helped us love Jesus Who is present in the poor and needy in a special way. I pray you will be able to help us this month spiritually with your prayers and penances, materially with items around your home and farm not needed, and financially with a cash donation, according to your means, so we can continue assisting the many individuals and families who come to us in need. Blessed Mary of Oignies, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Christopher Kubat



Social Services- Food Pantries

Keeping it "fresh" in our food pantries

Warmer temps, longer days and a drop in food pantry donations are sure signs of summer. We are heading into the time of year when there are fewer donations to our food pantries, yet the need for services continues. Please consider helping those in need of food pantries this summer by sending in your donation in the enclosed envelope (just indicate that you would like to designate your donation to our Food Pantry). If you would like to drop off food items to one of our pantries, you may bring them to:

- Auburn- 1014 Central Avenue
- Hastings- 515 West Third Street
- Lincoln- 2241 O Street

All three locations have coolers and freezers, so we can accept perishable items as well. This is an excellent way to share your extra fresh fruits and vegetables from your garden. Thank you for helping us meet

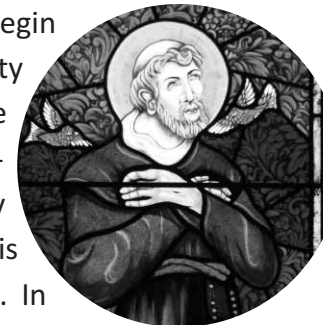
Give to Lincoln 2019 a BIG success!
The preliminary numbers are in for Give to Lincoln Day 2019... thanks to your support, we raised \$57,785 to help those we serve together in the Lincoln community. God bless you for your generosity to those in need! #cssisus



St. Francis Center- Auburn

Auburn CSS office helps serve southeast Nebraska

Providing services to the 24,000 square miles of the Diocese of Lincoln has long been our goal at CSS. In the early 1990's, we began offering services in the central part of the diocese through our Hastings office. Our work in the southeast part of the diocese began in January of 2000 when we were blessed to begin offering Clinical Services in Auburn, Falls City and Nebraska City. Four years later, we opened the St. Francis Gift & Thrift, designating the profits to be used to fund emergency services and clinical services in the area- as is the case with all of our Gift & Thrift stores. In October of 2012, we remodeled the St. Francis Center and built permanent offices for our Emergency Services and Counseling Services. More importantly, we were given permission to have a chapel with the Blessed Sacrament on site.



We have recently remodeled our St. Clare Food Pantry, allowing us to better serve our clients. Here are a few statistics concerning our work in Auburn and southeast Nebraska last year:

- ◆Our volunteers provided 1,124 hours of service to the St. Francis Gift & Thrift store.
- ◆Our St. Clare Food Pantry provided 17,104 pounds of food valued at \$27,195.
- ◆The total value of services offered in southeast Nebraska through our St. Francis Center in Auburn was \$85,514 to 1,957 individuals and 632 families.



Since beginning to offer services through our Auburn office in 2000, we have been blessed to provide over \$1,825,000 in total assistance for southeast Nebraska. CSS is US!