



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

Hope in the Good Life

November 2019



St. Cecilia, Patron of Musicians

Beauty is found in unity

Music is a universal language of beauty and joy. Did you know the followers of Pythagoras (the Pythagoreans), helped give us the first musical chords? They also gave us the Pythagorean Theorem in mathematics and they discovered that beauty and joy were found in unity. That is what a musical chord is....different musical notes that when paired perfectly together in unity bring about a more beautiful sound and listening experience, thereby giving us joy in the beauty of the chord.

St. Cecilia is the patron of musicians. Her life was a life of virtue we are called to imitate. Her heart was a heart that sang unto the Lord. During

her forced wedding it is shared that she sat apart singing to God in her heart as she had pledged lifelong virginity. Her actions and words expressed her love for our Lord Jesus. And it is because of this that she is the patron of music and all musicians. Our lives, our voices, and our actions aim to give God the glory and praise that is due to Him. We celebrate St. Cecilia's life on her Feast Day of November 22nd.

On December 15th many of our friends and neighbors will mimic St. Cecilia and give God glory and praise with their talents in song. Choirs, musicians, friends, strangers, and people

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Last year,
325
turkeys
were given
away through
our food
pantries so
families
could enjoy
Thanksgiving

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from all walks of life will come together at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church/Newman Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for our annual St. Gianna's Women's Homes Carole Fest Benefit. This yearly concert brings people together to meditate on the Birth of our Lord Jesus. Numerous choirs provide beautiful music that lifts up our hearts to our Lord Jesus. Scripture is shared. New relationships and friendships are made. And all of this good fun benefits the women and children of St. Gianna Women's Homes.

In this way all of the musicians, choirs, and attendees imitate the virtue of St. Cecilia and let their hearts sing to the Lord. Please consider joining us and attending this year's Carole Fest on Sunday afternoon, December 15th at 2pm. As we lift up our hearts and sing to the Lord He will lift up our souls so that we may properly celebrate the Christ Child's Birth at Christmas!!

Thank you for your prayers and support of Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska!! May this Advent be a time of prayer and praise for Jesus Christ. And may God bless us always!!!

St. Cecilia, Pray for Us!!

Donate now at www.cssisus.org to help bring Hope in the Good Life to those we serve!

A poster for Carole Fest. The background is a dark, ornate interior of a church with arches and columns. The text "CAROLE FESTO" is written in large, decorative, yellow-green letters with flourishes. Below it, in smaller yellow-green letters, is "A BENEFIT FOR ST. GIANNA WOMEN'S HOMES". At the bottom left, there are three lit candles in purple and pink holders. To the right of the candles, the event details are listed in white text: "Sunday, December 15, 2019 ♦ 2:00 PM", "St. Thomas Aquinas/Newman Center", "16th & Q Street ♦ Lincoln, NE", "\$10 per person ♦ \$25 per family", and "Visit www.cssisus.org/carolefest2019 to purchase tickets online".

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