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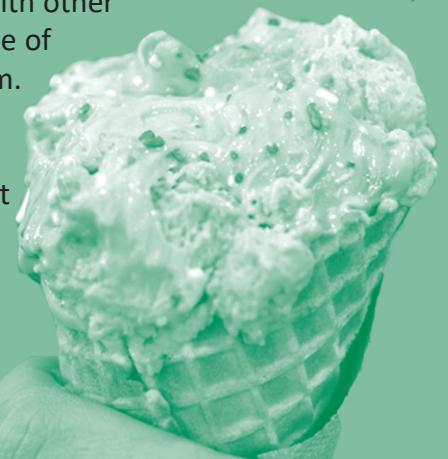
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# Treat a friend, treat yourself!

As our way of saying thanks for introducing new people to Gianna's, when you bring a friend into Gianna's and buy their coffee or gelato, yours will be on the house!

Some exclusions may apply. Offer not combined with other discounts/offers. Free drink or gelato must be of equal or lesser value than purchased item. The person you bring in doesn't need to be someone who has never been to Gianna's before, or even a friend for that matter, but they just might be after this act of kindness. Expires 8/31/17.



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The Quarterly Newsletter of Catholic Social Services Of Southern Nebraska

## ANIMA CHRISTI

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;  
Water from the side of  
Christ, wash me;  
Passion of Christ,  
strengthen me;  
O good Jesus, hear me;  
within Your wounds,  
hide me;  
separated from You  
let me never be;  
from the evil one, protect me;  
at the hour of my death,  
call me;  
and close to You, bid me;  
that with Your saints,  
I may praise You  
forever and ever.  
Amen.*



## More than just a thrift store Gift & Thrift stores provide vital support for Catholic Social Services programs

When you visit any one of the four Catholic Social Services' Gift & Thrift stores, you realize that you are not in your typical thrift store- the merchandise is attractively displayed and the stores are well lit and maintained. Over the years, many customers have commented that there seems to be more of a "boutique feel" than a "thrift store" feel to our stores. We are blessed to operate four Gift & Thrift Stores across southern Nebraska: the St. Louise Gift & Thrift Store in Lincoln, the St. Joseph Gift & Thrift Store in Hastings, the St. Francis Gift & Thrift Store in Auburn and the St. Isidore Gift & Thrift in Imperial.



vide to those in need across southern Nebraska. All net proceeds from the four stores are funneled back into our emergency services programs. These funds allow us to help clients who come to us in need of emergency assistance. Plus, individuals who cannot afford items in our stores can apply to receive items at no cost through our emergency services programs in all four cities. The people of southern Nebraska have been very generous in their support of our stores. Last year, the value of the merchandise sold or given away from our four Gift & Thrift stores totaled \$957,790.00.

Aside from a wide selection of quality furnishings, household items, clothing and more, the most satisfying reason to shop our Gift & Thrift Stores is the service they pro-

Visit the Catholic Social Services website at [www.csisus.org](http://www.csisus.org), click on "Locations" under the "Who We Are" tab and you'll find store hours and addresses for all four locations.

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# Seek first His kingdom

**Fr. Christopher Kubat**  
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**R**ecently, a woman with small children reached out to us needing help to escape an abusive man. Her best option was moving in with her parents, who were most willing to help.

There were two problems with this plan. They lived across the country, and she lacked a reliable vehicle that would fit the number of her children and make the long cross country trek. We knew we wanted to help and are always praying that the right vehicles are donated for the right individuals.

We have seen this over and over. A need is identified and we put it to prayer. Soon afterwards God provides. “Do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well” (Mt 6:31-33). Soon, someone donated an older Chevy Suburban in great shape other than a bum

transmission. Because of a generous patron, we were able to fix the transmission and then gave her the vehicle. When seeing it, she was overwhelmed with joy, knowing that her prayers were answered.

After the needed repair, she packed only what was needed and left with her children. After arriving at her parents, she sent us a thank you card with a picture of her children and herself smiling while posing in front of the suburban.

Because of the need to expand services across the diocese, we have started a St. Gianna’s West program designed to assist women and their children in the southcentral part of the diocese. This will be in addition to the ladies that are already staying at the main St. Gianna’s complex.



**Last year,  
St. Gianna  
Women’s Homes  
provided 16,460  
nights of housing  
to 41 women  
and 45 children.**

Please consider helping us spiritually with your prayers and penances, materially with items around your home or farm not needed (including vehicles), and a cash donation according to your means so we can continue assisting the many individuals and families who come to us in crisis – across the 24,000 square miles

that is the diocese of Lincoln. Please know that we at Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska will keep you, your family and intentions in our prayers.

Fr. Christopher Kubat  
Executive Director

# She always leads to her Son

**Dr. Kathryn Benes**

**Director of Counseling Services**

A group of us pray the Rosary each morning at the Immaculate Heart Counseling Center Chapel. We pray for all kinds of things. We pray in thanksgiving for God's goodness for the many blessings we've received. We pray, as staff and therapists, that we can extend the healing mercy of Jesus Christ to all who He sends our way. We pray for the grace to know God's will, and the courage to carry it out.

It's not uncommon during our prayer time that my mind wanders. The other day I found myself thinking about the first time I heard the words of the Hail Mary. I'm a convert. My parents were agnostics and growing up we never prayed. There were only 2 Catholic families that I knew in the rugged ranch country of southeastern Colorado, and it is somewhat of a miracle that my older sister, Joan, married into one of those families.

I was about 6 when I first visited Joan's home. I remember being awed by the many religious items that decorated her house. There were crucifixes in each of the rooms, a picture of the Sacred Heart on the wall, and a beautiful statue of Mary that sat on a bookshelf. I asked my sister who that beautiful woman was. She told me about the Blessed Mother, and taught me the only prayer I would know until I was an adult. Joan said that if I were ever troubled that I could pray this prayer to my heavenly Mother and she would help me. As it turned out, there were many times during my adolescent years that I prayed the Hail Mary.

As the years went by, I too, married a young Catholic man and came into the Church. Through the heart-breaking of alcohol and domestic violence, Joan left her home in the middle of the night with her little child and only a few things that she could carry in a bag. She also left the Church.

Over the course of the next 20 years, Joan divorced and remarried. Shortly after her second husband died, I received a call from her. "Are you coming home for Easter?" she asked. "I don't know. We haven't decided," I responded. Joan told me that although she had been baptized in the Church, she had never been confirmed. She wanted to know if I would be her Confirmation sponsor. "I'll be there!"



It was a glorious Mass and my sister was confirmed. Following the Confirmation, Joan handed me a gift bag and thanked me for being her sponsor. I could hardly believe it. It was the beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother that I had admired as a little

girl. That night when Joan had left her home so many years earlier, she left with two religious items: a crucifix and the statue.

We held each other and wept. We wept tears of joy as we realized that our Blessed Mother had been a loving companion on a journey over 50 years. She led us, as she always does, to her Son, the Heart of the Church.

# Sadly, the need has grown

## *St. Gianna's West offers services in the Hastings area*

**Curt Krueger, Director of Social Services**

**S**t. Gianna's in Lincoln has been an amazing program. It has saved the lives of women fleeing horrendous domestic violence and the lives of unborn children who faced the tragic fate of abortion. When we opened St. Gianna's eight years ago, we knew that there was a need for domestic violence housing in Lincoln. We knew domestic violence was a problem in our community and we wanted to be a part of the solution. At the time we had no idea how widespread domestic violence was across the entire state.

For many years in Hastings we operated a transitional housing program for women escaping domestic violence through a federal government program sponsored by Housing and Urban Development. Because of the strings that are attached to some federal programs, we are no longer able to operate that program with federal funds. However, we know the need is great and we have a strong desire to continue to serve these extremely vulnerable families. Because of this, St. Gianna's West was born.

Much like the St. Gianna's program in Lincoln, the St. Gianna's West program is for women who are being coerced into having an abortion or who are fleeing domestic violence. We provide the women

with food, clothing, furniture and housewares. We assist with rent and utilities and provide intensive case management services. The primary service that is offered to the women is the ability to provide a safe home for their children and to have the opportunity to experience the unconditional love of God that is demonstrated to them every day by our staff and volunteers.

We work with women all across central Nebraska. A family recently was referred to us by a priest in a neighboring community. The mother and children left

their home in the middle of the night so as not to be discovered. They were housed in a hotel until we were able to obtain secure housing. The kids are enrolled in Catholic school and the mom is working and active in the community.

This is a family that was suffering terribly at the hands of their husband and father and now the family is safe and part of a loving community. This kind of healing and grace only comes through Christ and only happens because of the tremendous spiritual and financial support from the Catholic community. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. With God's help, we will be able to save many more families like this one.



# CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction to honor Wendy Engles

**O**n Friday, August 11th, Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln will host the 21st annual Catholic Social Services Memorial Golf Classic & Auction. A major fundraiser for the programs of Catholic Social Services, this event has become one of the largest charity golf events in the area. This year's tournament will be held in memory of Wendy Engles. Last year, over 270 golfers from across the diocese participated in the tournament and more than 300 individuals attended the cookout and auction, raising approximately \$90,000.



Wendy Engles

“Burgers, ‘Brats & Biddin’!” is the cookout and auction that is held in conjunction with the CSS Memorial Golf Classic. The event begins at 6:00 PM the day of the golf tournament and is open to all golfers and a guest; the general public is invited to attend the auction and bid on items.

There are numerous ways to help support this important fundraiser for Catholic Social Services:

♦**Corporate Teams:** The \$520 entry fee allows for a foursome, carts, and lunch. The fee also allows each

golfer and a guest to attend the cookout and auction.

♦**Parish Teams:** The \$390 entry fee allows a foursome-but must include at least one priest as there is no charge for priests to play. The fee also allows each golfer and a guest to attend the cookout and auction.

Unfortunately, the afternoon flight is sold out. As this goes to press, there are still openings in the morning flight that begins at 7:00 AM. All players and a guest are invited to the cookout and silent auction for no additional charge.

♦**Hole Sponsor:** The \$200 donation allows your name, company name or parish organization to appear at a tee-box during the tournament.

♦**Priest Sponsor:** The \$75 donation underwrites the cost for a priest to play in the tournament.

♦**Memorial Gift:** A memorial gift may be made to Catholic Social Services in honor of a loved one.

♦**Auction Gift:** You may donate an item or service to be offered on the silent or live auction. A day at your cabin, antiques or cash are just some ways that you can donate.

**Not a golfer? You can still participate in the silent auction!** Again this year, all bidding will take place via your smart phone! Visit [www.cssisus.org](http://www.cssisus.org) to see how you can participate in the fun and bidding!

All sponsors will be recognized in the tournament program and in an ad in the *Southern Nebraska Register*. Registration deadline is August 1st. For more information call John McDermott at (402) 430-5626 or (800) 981-8242. The registration form is also available on our website at [www.cssisus.org](http://www.cssisus.org).

## 21st Annual CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction- Friday, August 11, 2017

**Corporate Team \$525**

Team name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Morning flight 7:00 AM or  
 Afternoon flight SOLD OUT

**Parish Team \$390**

Team name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Morning flight 7:00 AM  
 Afternoon flight SOLD OUT

**Hole Sponsor- \$200**

Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Priest Sponsor- \$75**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorial Gift** I am unable to participate in the tournament. Please accept my Gift in memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_Other:\$\_\_\_\_\_

**Auction Item**  
 I'm interested in donating an item for the Silent Auction.  
 Contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Item \_\_\_\_\_

Registration deadline is August 1st. Return registration form in enclosed remit envelope.



## There's no summer slowdown at Gianna's Java & Gelato!

### Jake Mousel, Gianna's Java & Gelato

Ahhh, summertime and the living is easy. The weather heats up, the days are longer and life tends to slow down a bit... except at Gianna's Java & Gelato! It's been anything but the lazy days of summer at Gianna's.

In May, we hosted a talk by Father Scott Courtney on the occasion of the anniversary of the first Fatima apparition. We had the opportunity to be a part of Spirit Catholic Radio's Diaper Drive. Our customers generously donated over 3,500 much-need diapers during the drive! In June, it was an honor to be visited by Gianna Emanuela Molla, the daughter of St. Gianna (see more below). Also in June, we started taking gelato on the road! So far, we have served gelato and sorbeto from our built-in-house bike cart at a fundraiser at Blessed Sacrament and during the tailgating before the I-80 Collar Series. We have a few more

events planned and are looking to put even more on the schedule. If you'd like to add gelato to a party or fundraiser, send me an email at [jmousel@cssisus.org](mailto:jmousel@cssisus.org) to see what you can set up.



Another area in which we're testing the waters involves ways to make it easier for you to clue your friends and neighbors in about Gianna's. You already know we serve good coffee and good food for a great cause, but what about those people who don't? Place a yard sign and that neighbor across the street might just be curious enough to ask how drinking coffee means giving back. We're also looking into t-shirts, hats and bumper stickers, so that you can tell people you're a "coffeeCatholic"--without even saying a word. Signs are printed-to-order and are in limited supply, so send me an email at [jmousel@cssisus.org](mailto:jmousel@cssisus.org) if you're interested in having one in your yard. Thanks!

## ST. GIANNA'S DAUGHTER VISITS GIANNA'S JAVA & GELATO



*Gianna Emanuela Molla takes a picture of floor mat at Gianna's Java & Gelato*

In late June, Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, daughter of St. Gianna, visited Lincoln. She was in the states visiting Atlanta and the Grand Canyon and we were blessed with the chance to introduce her to our establishment as well as the CSS offices and St. Gianna Women's Homes. She had wonderful things to say about the shop, and enjoyed getting to visit with our local bishops and the staff of CSS for lunch. And just in case you wondered--the limoncello gelato passed muster!



*Gianna Emanuela Molla with Jake Mousel, manager of Gianna's Java & Gelato*





**WIN**  
**\$1,000**  
**OR**  
**NEBRASKA**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**2017 SEASON TICKETS!**

In conjunction with the CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction, we're selling raffle tickets to win \$1,000 or two 2017 Nebraska football season tickets! **Raffle tickets are 1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$20.00.** The first name drawn will win \$1,000 while the second name drawn wins the season tickets. Just fill out the form below, cut it out 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, you will be sent a receipt for your order. Mail in orders must be received by **Thursday, August 10th.**

Tickets can also be purchased at our CSS office at 2241 O Street in Lincoln. The winner will be drawn at the CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction at Hillcrest Country Club on **Friday, August 11, 2017.** 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! Visit our website at [www.cssisus.org](http://www.cssisus.org) for a complete set of raffle rules. Good luck!

**Win \$1000 or Nebraska football season tickets raffle ticket order form**

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make checks payable to Catholic Social Services. Mail orders must be **received by Thursday, August 10, 2017** in order to be included in the drawing. 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 receipt number 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. At the drawing, the winner will be notified based on the name and information on the ticket. See our website at [www.cssisus.org](http://www.cssisus.org) for complete set of rules.

