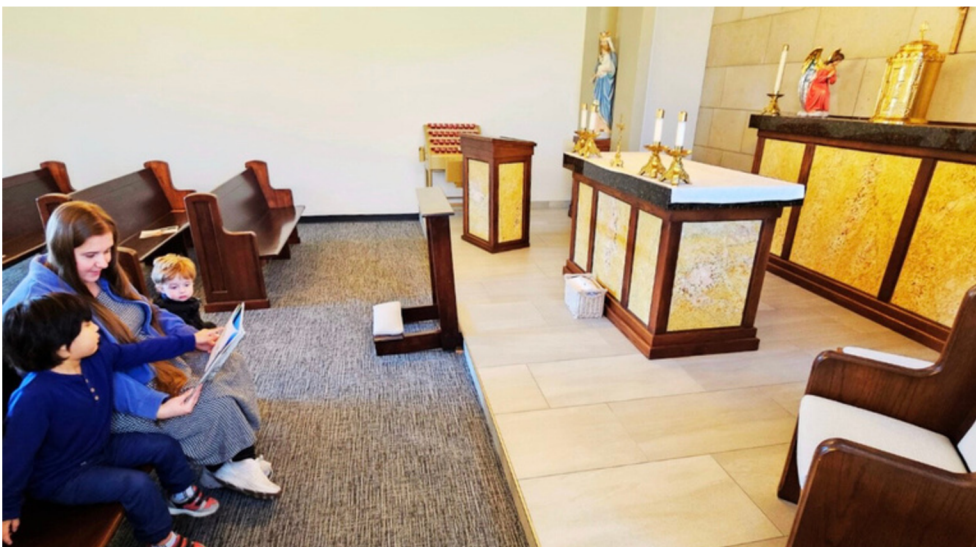




CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

Hope in the Good Life

December 2024



The Holy Family | Little Blessings, CSS Child Care

Looking to the Holy Family as our guide

With the year drawing to a close, our hearts and minds turn to the miracle of the Nativity, the greatest miracle of all. God became man and entered the world as a tiny baby, born in the humblest of stables.

In this sacred moment, our gaze falls on Mary, His devoted mother, and Joseph, His strong and faithful foster father. Between Mary and Joseph, Jesus was perfectly loved, nurtured, and protected. They entrusted themselves entirely to God's guidance to care for His Beloved Son.

In the Holy Family, we see God's design for the family as the home where children are born, cherished, and given room to grow. The Holy Family serves

as our guiding example, inspiring us to create spaces where love, care, and growth can flourish.

This past year, we were blessed to open **Little Blessings, the CSS Child Care Center**, in Lincoln. At Little Blessings, we strive to model the Holy Family in our safe-keeping and instruction of children.

We expanded our facilities during last year's renovation, adding two classrooms, a mother's nursing room, and a playground. These spaces allow us to provide quality care for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years. We have also welcomed multiple full- and part-time staff members.

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NEW CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT ACT



*Big Opportunity
for New Giving!*

WHAT IS IT?

An important tax credit relevant to Catholic schools or organizations that operate child care programs.

Similar to the scholarship tax credit law, it allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit for certain contributions made to a child care program.

WHY IT MATTERS?

- \$2.5 million available tax credits
- First come, first serve – act fast!

HOW TO GIVE:

- Send a check with "Little Blessings CSS Child Care Center" in the memo field.

- Scan the QR Code and Make your gift on our website >>>



Click "Specific Designation" then select "Little Blessings, CSS Child Care Center".

Recently, a generous donor made a \$1,500 gift and shared:

"I enjoy being charitable and supporting causes I care about. Thanks to this tax credit, I can do so with a better break than a deduction. It's a smart way to minimize my tax liability while making a meaningful impact."

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Looking to the Holy Family as Our Guide (cont.)

As one of only two Catholic child care centers in Lincoln, Little Blessings offers a unique opportunity to root our guidance and teaching in the Catholic faith. Each day, children pray, visit Jesus in the chapel, hear Bible stories, and practice Christian values. Our center serves staff, volunteers, and any parents in Lincoln who desire faith-based care for their children.

At Catholic Social Services, we strive to support life at all stages. Little Blessings gives mothers and fathers the peace of mind that their children are being lovingly nurtured in a safe, faith-filled environment.

Now that the cold months are upon us, we are converting an additional room into an indoor play space. This new area will allow the children to crawl, run, and play freely, even when outdoor activities aren't possible.

The children love their daily crafts and playtime. Their presence fills our halls with joy, brightening the days of staff, volunteers, and clients alike. Whether it's their lively parades through the office or their preparations for the upcoming Christmas program held in the CSS St. Joseph Classroom, the children remind us of the beauty of childlike faith and the joy of this season.

We currently have openings for children ages 12 months to 5 years. If you are interested in learning more about our center, please contact our director, Elaine Simpson at esimpson@csshope.org.

Thank you to all who, through your prayers, donations, and volunteering, help bring **Hope in the Good Life** this holiday season.
O Most Holy Family, pray for us!



Save these upcoming

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EVENT DATES

Sunday, Feb 16th:
TRUMPET FEST
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, LINCOLN

Saturday, Mar 15th:
CELEBRATION OF HOPE
GALA & SILENT AUCTION
EMBASSY SUITES, LINCOLN

Monday, Sept 15th:
CSS GOLF CLASSIC
HILLCREST CC, LINCOLN

Sunday, Oct 12th:
BOUNTIFUL HARVEST
GALA & SILENT AUCTION
CITY AUDITORIUM, HASTINGS

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