#### July 23, 2023 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### Weekly Mass Schedule

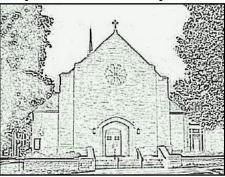
Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. Sat.: 8:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Sun.: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. **Holy Days of Obligation:** As Scheduled in the Bulletin

#### **Reconciliation Schedule**

15 minutes before a.m. Masses Mon. - Sat. Saturday: 4:30-5:20 p.m., 6:30-7p.m.

**Baptisms:** Baptism Instruction Class are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the school meeting room. Call the rectory to register for the class.

**Marriage Preparation:** Please call the rectory for more information. You will need a minimum of 4 months to do marriage preparation, 6-12 months is preferred.



#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



AUGUST 6, 2023, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT – As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, we will be offering Eucharistic Adoration <u>each</u> Sunday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass to 5:00 p.m., beginning on August

6<sup>th</sup>. Please take advantage of this opportunity to spend some quality time in Adoration of Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.

During the hours of Exposition, Jesus cannot be left alone. Therefore, we are in need of volunteers to cover each of the Hours of Exposition (12:30-5:00 p.m.). If you are able to cover an hour, please sign up on the sheet provided in the back of church after all of the weekend Masses. Please know that if you cannot commit to an hour, you are welcome and encouraged to visit for the length of time that your schedule allows. Each visit to Christ is an act of faith and an act of love. He awaits you and showers graces upon all who visit Him.



CHILDRENS SUMMER ADORATION -Sponsored by K of C All kids ages 0-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate. It's not too late to start! Activities can be backdated to June 1<sup>st</sup>, if needed. Pick up sheets in back of

church. Turn in completed sheets by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Families of kids who finish will be invited to join the Knights for a **picnic on August 5<sup>th</sup>**. Kids will be given prizes whether they can attend the picnic or not. Be a part of the Eucharistic Revival! Text or call Clem & Maggie Pella with questions: 402-443-7343.

MASS INTENTIONS Saturday - July 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 р.м. † Michael A. Taylor Sunday - July 23rd 8:30 А.М. Rosezena Voelker 10:00 A.M. † Sandy Payne 11:30 A.M. People of the Parish Monday - July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 а.м. K'leigh Johnson & Family Finn Michael Cunningham 8:15 а.м. Tuesday - July 25<sup>th</sup> Marv Morgan & Family 6:30 а.м. 8:15 а.м. Noah O'Grady Wednesday - July 26th 6:30 а.м. Michael & Rita Leininger 8:15 а.м. Frendie Banogon Thursday- July 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 а.м. † Poor Souls in Purgatory 8:15 а.м. † Mary Ann Burda Friday - July 28th 6:30 а.м. *†* Cleunice Recuero 8:15 а.м. *†* Cheri Sanders Saturday - July 29<sup>th</sup> 8:15 а.м. *†* Susan Morrison 5:30 p.m. † Marv Ann Burda Sunday - July 30th 8:30 а.м. Kristin & Corey Minchow 10:00 A.M. People of the Parish 11:30 A.M. † Sandy Payne

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **DATES & EVENTS:**



**CCD CATECHISTS NEEDED - The CCD** program needs Catechists to fill the following vacancies for the upcoming 2023-24 religious education term:

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade secondary instructor
- Co-Coordinator the individual, or couple, filling this vacancy will take over, in the 2024-25 religious education year, as Coordinator(s) of the program.

All parishioners are invited to open your hearts to the children of our parish. Please consider assisting the CCD program by volunteering your time and talent as an co-coordinator, instructor or as a classroom assistant with the program.

This is a commitment of 1.5 hours on Wed. nights and approximately 2 hours prep time each week. Our goal is to have at least two instructors per grade level to share the instructional time and/or duties.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Fr. Morin at 402-474-4249.

JULY 29-30, 2023 - CONTEMPLATIVE SISTERS SPECIAL COLLECTION - coming next weekend & is available in your envelope packet or you can give online. On this day, the faithful are encouraged to reach out to the cloistered religious in their diocese, through prayer, encouragement, and material support. Collections at Masses in the Diocese of Lincoln are directed to the two local contemplative religious orders, the Pink Sisters and Carmelites. Both serve our diocese through prayer & presence.

AUGUST 2, 2023, PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT -Join us Wed., Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m. for an evening of music and adoration. Whether you can stay a few minutes or the whole time, let's come together as a parish to worship our Lord.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - EXTENDED CARE EMPLOYEES NEEDED -** This position involves supervising and interacting with students of Blessed Sacrament after school on select weekdays from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. at the latest depending on when parents pick up. If interested, please email meganbrown@cdolinc.net.

MOMS IN NEED - The parish Pro-Life group has put together packets that identify resources for any mother who finds herself in need of assistance. They are located in our vestibule pamphlet rack. If you are a mother in need, or know of someone who could use this material, check the pamphlet rack for yellowcolored packets.



SCRIP / RAISERIGHT - Did you know that if every adult in the Blessed Sacrament parish bought a \$100 gift card to purchase groceries just once we would raise over \$7000 for our church & school? Just like that! What if they did it every month for a year? It is a quick and easy way to support Blessed Sacrament without spending any extra money! Scan the QR code to get set up with an account or contact Jennie Korth at jenniekorth@gmail.com if you want to learn more!

# LB753 - THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS ACT



Opportunity Scholarships expand school access to many Nebraska families who otherwise can't afford the best education setting for their children. Opportunity Scholarships empower parents and give hope and opportunity to families without the means to move to a community with great schools or pay for a private education. The Opportunity Scholarships Act, passed by the Nebraska Legislature as LB 753, provides scholarship opportunities for families, especially middle and lower-income families, to attend a private school of their parents' choice. All parents, regardless of their income or zip code, deserve the opportunity to access the right education for their children.

#### HOW WILL LB753 WORK?

 Donations will be made to non-profit scholarship granting organizations (SGOs), which then award scholarships to eligible children.

The program prioritizes students in families at or below the poverty level (\$30,000 for a family four). As the program grows the income eligibility level rises to as much as \$166,500 for a family of four <u>but only after lower income families have been awarded scholarships first</u>.

Other priority families include those with students with "exceptional needs", who have experienced bullying, in foster care, in military families, or have been denied option enrollment by public schools.

• Donors will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their state income taxes for any donation made to scholarship granting organizations (SGOs). Donations are capped at 50% of an individual or business's state tax liability. Donations are also capped at \$100,000 for individuals and businesses and \$1 million for wills and trusts. The tax credits are capped initially at \$25 million and the cap increases to \$100 million in future years.

#### WHY SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDITS?

- Tax credit scholarship programs create new pools of funding so a child can receive scholarships to attend the private school of their parents' choice.
- There are 27 tax credit scholarship programs operating across the country. Research shows school choice programs are positive for student achievement and attainment and save money for state and local governments. Moreover, public schools benefit from the existence of school choice programs. EdChoice reports 26 of 29 studies on the competitive effects of private school choice programs are positive. https://www.edchoice.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/123s-of-School-Choice-WEB.pdf
- The nation's largest school choice program is a tax credit scholarship program: Florida's Tax Credit Scholarship Program which served 97,870 students in 2022-23.

#### SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

#### **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

How great is the converse with Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road to holiness!

Adorers are needed for these open hours: Sun.: 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m., 5 a.m., 12 Mid.; Mon.: 1 a.m. (three times a month), 3 a.m., 4 a.m..; Tues.: 1 a.m., 2 a.m.., 3 a.m. 1 p.m.; Wed.: 2 a.m., 12 mid; Thurs.: 2 a.m., 4 a.m.; Fri.: 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m. (twice a month), 4 a.m. (twice a month), 8 p.m.; Sat.: 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 Mid;

If interested in becoming an adorer or a sub, or for more info, contact one of the coordinators listed below: Lois Korinek-402-423-1949 - Cathy Rokke - 402-423-6844 - Kathy Wells - 402-840-7732.



Our Lady of Good Counsel Re-TREAT HOUSE - Needing to re-ignite your flame of love for Christ? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several retreats

this summer / fall. "Day for Dads" on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:30 p.m. with Fr. Clark & Jeremy Ekeler, & "Priest, Prophet, King - Orphan, Stranger, Widow" retreat on Aug. 18th-20th with Fr. Sughroue. Register at https://goodcounselretreat. org/, email office@goodcounselretreat.org, or call 402-786-2705.

JULY 25, 2023, MARIAN MANTLE SILENT STRENGTH PRAYER GROUP - All are welcome to join us in prayer for the return of our prodigal children to the Faith. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Cathedral of the Risen Christ; 35<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan Blvd. We meet in Rectors Hall in the lower level of the Cathedral. The Divine Mercy Chaplet & a Rosary will be said as well as petition prayers for our prodigals & members. Mass is at 5:00 p.m. for those who wish to attend. Contact kneugeba@gmail.com for more information.

OCTOBER 12-17, 2023, MEXICO CITY PILGRIMAGE -All are invited to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Mexico City. The \$1700 cost includes flight from

Omaha, food, lodging and mission experience with Hope of the Poor. To register, go to https://lincolndi ocese.regfox.com/2023-lincoln-diocesan-pilgrimageto-mexico-city. For more info., call 402-473-0631.

FEBRUARY 22 – MARCH 4, 2024, PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FATHER CHRIS ECKRICH -Fr. Christopher Eckrich will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, starting in Jordan with the Old Testament where Moses stood on Mt. Nebo overlooking the Jordan River and the Promised Land. We will also visit the lost city of Petra before going to Israel to follow in Jesus' footsteps, ending with the Via Dolorosa. See full itinerary at https:// executivetravel.com/lincoln-diocese/, request a brochure at 402-435-8888 or call Barb Wallingford 402-430-5811 for more info.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - SPIRIT CATHOLIC **RADIO - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR** - This FT, Omaha-based position has the awesome job of being bringing awareness to the Spirit Catholic Radio Network's initiatives across the state of NE & IA to Catholic schools, parishes, & apostolates/ ministries. If you enjoy communicating, relationshipbuilding, & evangelizing, apply today at https://spirit catholic radio.com/careers.

EMPLOYMENT **Opportunity** РТ FAITH FORMATION / EVANGELIZATION COORDINATOR -SACRED HEART CHURCH in Lincoln, NE - The Coordinator will promote the mission to evangelize & catechize active parishioners & inactive Catholics. They will direct parish OCIA, CCD, adult formation programs & evangelization efforts by overseeing these programs & equipping parish leaders & volunteers to disciple parishioners of all ages to know, love & serve Jesus Christ as faithful members of his Catholic Church. This role includes program creation, maintenance, improvement, & management as well as on-going discipleship formation. The incumbent will be responsible for building programs that not only share info. but also form disciples of Christ & his Church. This position plays an active role in volunteer coordination & parish leadership. If interested, please contact Msgr. Thorburn at sacredheartlincoln@outlook.com.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL - PT HELP -** Extended Day Care Program is looking for part time help Monday thru Friday, 3:15-5:30 p.m. Please contact <u>lisa-gregory@cdolinc.net</u>.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PT SCHOOL NURSE** - needed at **St. Michael School**, Mondays, Noon-3:30 p.m. This is a paid position. Please contact <u>ashley-rockey@cdolinc.net</u>.

#### Additional News

AUGUST 5, 2023, 12TH ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT FUN RUN - at Holmes Lake Park (Meeting at Shelter 3) is the place to be for your choice of a 1 mile "Fun Run/Walk" or a 5K! This is a fun family friendly event for all ages & levels of skill! The funds raised from this event will help support the ThunderBOLT Fun Run Endowment, which provides a grant each year to a special project of a Pius X academic department or school sponsored club or activity. This is a great way to help support Lincoln's only Catholic High School & have a little fun. Register by July 19th to be guaranteed an awesome t-shirt or tank which is included in the price of registration! 13 & older - \$25; 6-12 - \$15; & kids 5 & under are free (no T-shirt included). July 20th the price goes up by \$5 per registration. Prizes will be awarded, & breakfast provided! More details & info on how to register or volunteer can be found at: www.piusx.net or contact Kristin Heath at Kristin.heath@piusx.net or 402-488-0931 ext. 56132 for more info.

AUGUST 5, 2023, CONNECT TO PROTECT CONFER-ENCE - Protecting our youth from trafficking. Sat., Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at Embassy Suites, Lincoln, I've Got a Name, a local faith-based non-profit in Lincoln, is hosting a critical conference to increase community awareness & protect Lincoln's youth against trafficking. Connect to Protect will address: The Reality in Lincoln, Parent Alertness, Social Media's Influence, The Grooming Process & Ending the Demand. Speakers will include **Fr. Sean Kilcawley** (Lincoln Diocese Freedom from Pornography Apostolate Director) & many others. Registration is \$30/Individual or \$40/Couple & includes lunch. Register today at <u>ivegotaname.org</u>.

AUGUST 11-13, 2023, RETROUVAILLE - YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue, just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (retrovi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend on Aug.11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit <u>HelpOurMarriage.com</u>.

AUGUST 12, 2023, CATHOLIC DAUGHters Day of Prayer - Intimacy with Our Eucharistic Lord – on 🚾 Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Center at 654 South 86<sup>th</sup> St. in Omaha, NE. Catholic Daughters invite ALL to join them to explore the Intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord. Listen to speakers, enjoy discussions & pray in solidarity. Continental Breakfast & Lunch provided. There is a Mass at 8:15 a.m. in the church for those wishing to attend prior to the beginning of the Day of Prayer. Mail registration payment of \$15.00 (checks made payable to Nebraska State CDA), attendee name, address & phone number to Janet Macklin, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Vice State Regent, 2507 Estes Lane, Fremont, NE 68025-3777. Registrations must be received by Aug. 1st. For more info email Marilyn at mlowery122153@ gmail.com.

AUGUST 13, 2023, MATT MAHER OUTDOOR CON-CERT – Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House will be hosting Matt Maher on Sun., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To purchase tickets, go to <u>www.goodcounselretreat.or g/60years</u>. Address of concert 7303 N 112<sup>th</sup> St, Waverly, NE. Sponsored by Spirit Catholic Radio & Our Lady of Good Council Retreat House.

Welcome	<b>Congratulations to our</b> <b>Newly Baptized</b> : Ayda Amour Stierwalt
<u>THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP</u> Sunday Collections (July 16, 2023)	
Envelopes	
Plate	658.32
Online Gi	
Total:	\$ 14,8325.22



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#### DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

Office of the Bishop

June 26, 2023

To the Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Lincoln,

Several weeks ago, historic school choice legislation (LB753, the Opportunity Scholarships Act) was signed into law by Governor Jim Pillen. This legislation was championed by State Senator Lou Ann Linehan, supported by a super-majority of Senators from across Nebraska, and advocated for by the Nebraska Catholic Conference. It will be life-changing for countless students in need of greater educational opportunities. Efforts to form a statewide scholarship granting organization (SGO) are underway!

The Opportunity Scholarships Act provides increased scholarship opportunities through a state income tax credit. Taxpayers can claim this tax credit by making financial contributions to an SGO which are authorized by LB753. State income tax credits can be claimed starting on January 1, 2024, with scholarships being distributed for the 2024-25 school year.

The three Bishops of Nebraska are in full support of a statewide SGO, Opportunity Scholarships Nebraska, that is in its early stages of formation. The Nebraska Catholic Conference is helping lead this effort, and Opportunity Scholarships Nebraska is being developed using research and best practices from scholarship tax credit programs across the country. Opportunity Scholarships Nebraska will know our schools, be familiar with the needs of our families, ensure that scholarships are delivered efficiently and effectively to students in need, and be a committed advocate for future school choice efforts. In addition to serving children seeking a Catholic education, Opportunity Scholarships Nebraska will also serve kids seeking an education at the many other non-public schools in our state.

As there are further developments, we will keep you up-to-date and help get you connected with Opportunity Scholarships Nebraska. Because of this historic school choice legislation, together we have an important opportunity to make sure children can choose a school that is best for them, regardless of their zip code or income.

To learn more about LB753, please see the attached one-pager from the Nebraska Catholic Conference.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend James D. Conley Bishop of Lincoln

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# LB753 - THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS ACT MYTHS VS. REALITY

Those supporters of the petition effort will say a lot in order to gather as many signatures as possible. Unfortunately, they are spreading misinformation and misleading Nebraskans to accomplish their goal of stripping opportunity from Nebraska parents and kids. Here's the truth of the matter:

#### "LB753 TAKES MONEY FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

**REALITY:** Gov. Jim Pillen and the Nebraska Legislature overwhelmingly approved a state budget and education funding plan that:

-established a billion-dollar Education Future Fund;

- increased funding for public schools by more than \$300 million to record levels;

- funded a historic increase in state spending for students in special education; and,

- passed LB 753, the Opportunity Scholarships Act, to allow parents to choose the best education setting for their child.

This argument that LB 753, the Opportunity Scholarships Act, takes money from public schools rings especially hollow when opponents don't also criticize the newly passed child care tax credit or the phase-out of state income taxes on Social Security as taking money from public schools.

#### "LB753 VIOLATES SEPARATION BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE."

**REALITY:** The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that appropriately designed private school choice programs are fully constitutional. And numerous state courts have upheld the constitutionality of tax-credit scholarship programs.

#### "LB753 WILL HURT NEBRASKA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

**REALITY:** Public schools are an important part of Nebraska life, and, in many cases, they offer a quality education. But public schools are not an ideal fit for every child—parents deserve a choice. Why would giving parents a choice hurt kids? All students can learn, and we believe they should all have the opportunity to do so in a safe and supportive school, chosen by their parents, that meets their individual learning needs.

Studies consistently demonstrate public schools benefit from the existence of school choice programs. EdChoice reports 26 of 29 studies on the competitive effects of private school choice programs are positive. https://www.edchoice.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/123s-of-School-Choice-WEB.pdf

#### "STUDENTS WON'T BENEFIT FROM LB753."

**REALITY:** Thousands of Nebraska families stand to benefit when their student receives a scholarship to attend the education setting that best meets their needs. Parents deserve the right to send their child to a school that provides the best opportunity for an individual student's learning and that's what the Opportunity Scholarships Act is all about.

#### "NEBRASKA ALREADY HAS SCHOOL CHOICE."

**REALITY:** Some say Nebraska already has school choice with public option enrollment or because parents can "choose whatever school they want". However, many students are denied option enrollment by public schools and not every family has the means to pay private school tuition. While it's important families have access to option enrollment and alternative public schools, students and parents need expanded options. Currently schools, organizations and private groups work to offer as many scholarships as possible, but demand continues to exceed supply. Nebraska families deserve more opportunities for their children to thrive and succeed.

# LB753 - THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS ACT MYTHS VS. REALITY (cont).

#### "PRIVATE SCHOOLS AREN'T HELD ACCOUNTABLE."

**REALITY:** All school choice programs have some level of administrative and financial accountability. And most programs have academic accountability. Private schools in every state must comply with health and safety regulations as well as anti-discrimination laws. Already in Nebraska, approved and accredited private schools have testing standards, health and safety standards, financial accountability standards, among other standards. And, in addition to all these requirements and regulations, private schools are accountable to those who matter the most: parents.

#### "PRIVATE SCHOOLS HAVE SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS POLICIES."

**REALITY:** Private schools often have classroom settings as diverse as traditional public schools. Not every school needs to meet the needs of every student. In fact, that isn't realistic. But what we do need is diverse schools all kids can access to meet their specific educational needs.

#### "PRIVATE SCHOOLS DON'T SERVE STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS."

**REALITY:** Private schools are meeting the needs of a substantial number of students with special needs, and doing so without the funding mechanisms accessible to public schools. Education funding for students with special needs is complex, but it boils down to this: state and federal funding cannot follow a student to the school of their choice. This means all special needs education funding can only go to public schools. This places private schools at a disadvantage when educating children with special needs, especially those with the highest needs. Nevertheless, private schools are increasingly developing funding and programming to accept more children with special needs, as well as creating schools specifically tailored to serving certain populations of students with special needs.

#### "PRIVATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS INCREASE RACIAL SEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS."

**REALITY:** No reputable study shows that private school choice increases racial segregation. In fact, of the eight studies using valid empirical methods to examine school choice and racial segregation, seven found that school choice creates more racially integrated classrooms; one found no significant effect on integration. A 2016 analysis found the Louisiana Scholarship Program aids desegregation efforts in Louisiana. Moreover, most school choice advocates believe in the power of diverse schools and celebrate the fact that private school choice programs give kids from different socioeconomic backgrounds the opportunity to learn and collaborate together.

#### "LB753 WILL ONLY HELP URBAN STUDENTS."

**REALITY:** Public and private school choice are critically important to increasing education options for rural and suburban students. Students outside of major urban districts face real challenges due to population sparsity and school size, limiting many families' high-quality educational options. More rural and suburban policymakers are embracing school choice as a way to bring new and better opportunities to their constituents.

## TO HELP US SHARE THE TRUTH ABOUT LB753, VISIT KEEPKIDSFIRSTNEBRASKA.COM.



# August 2, 2023 | 7:00-8:30pm

## Join us for an evening of adoration and music!

Whether you can stop by for a few minutes, or stay the whole time, let's come together as a parish to worship our LORD!

**Confessions and Prayer teams available** 

Praise the LORD For it is good to SING praises to our GOD - Psalm 147:1

Questions? Contact BSCAltarSociety@gmail.com

# **CONFERENCE**

Uniting Lincoln against sex trafficking - Saturday, August 5th at Embassy Suites

### The impact of sex trafficking on our youth is real. At least 200 girls are sold in Lincoln each month!

Join us at the first conference to specifically address sex trafficking in Lincoln and hear from local experts on topics such as parent alertness, the impact of social media, identifying the grooming process and ending the demand.

Including a talk from Fr. Sean Kilcawley of Lincoln Catholic Diocese!



## TO REGISTER:

Visit ivegotaname.org or scan the QR code!







# Women of Hope Who Find God in <u>ALL</u> Things

#### A Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women August 24-27, 2023 At Creighton University Retreat Center

This Ignatian retreat is designed especially for women using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Get away from the hectic pace of life and take time to deepen your relationship with God by engaging your heart, mind, body and eternal soul. Hear God speak to your heart in the community of silence. There will be 11 preached conferences by Sharon Doran who combines her love of Sacred Scripture with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Expect God to work in powerful ways through the promises of His revealed Word combined with the rhythm that St. Ignatius developed to contemplate it. The exercises are Holy Spirit inspired and the word of God is living and active, so each retreat is a non-repeatable experience.

You are invited to contemplate the hope-filled mysteries and learn to experience God in ALL things and walk together on life's journey.

There will be opportunities for Mass, confessions & spiritual direction.

Retreat costs based on single occupancy and includes meals —**\$425** Check-in between 4:30-5:30pm on Thursday & retreat concludes on Sunday at 2:30pm. Register using this QR code or at creighton.edu/curc



# Art/Craft Fair ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 9101 South 78th Street. Jincoln. NE 68516

All are invited to sell arts and crafts during our annual Fall Festival! Sunday, September 24, 2023 Noon - 3pm \$20/table To reserve a table, use the QR Code, contact the parish office at 402-488-1313

or cindy-schilmoeller@cdolinc.net

