

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30am - Noon; 1:00 - 4:30pm
Friday 8:30am - Noon

Bulletin notices: Submit in writing to the rectory on
Jan. 03 for Jan. 09.

New Parishioners: If you would like to join our parish,
register online at stboncc.com or stop in the Parish Office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.-Spanish

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before Mass. Twenty-four hour
Eucharistic Adoration in the Scotus Chapel. Sign up for a weekly
hour or become a substitute at adorationpro.org/bonaventure.
For security purposes only assigned adorers/subs will be
permitted inside the Scotus Chapel.

Daily:

Tuesday through Friday: 6:30 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m. and by appointment. Please call the
church office.

Baptism

Pre-Baptism class is required. Classes are offered the second
Monday of each month. To register call the rectory. Parents
should be active in their faith and be registered in the parish.

Marriage:

Contact the pastor at least six months prior to a wedding.
Couples should either be registered in the parish or have some
connection to the parish.

Hospital Visitation:

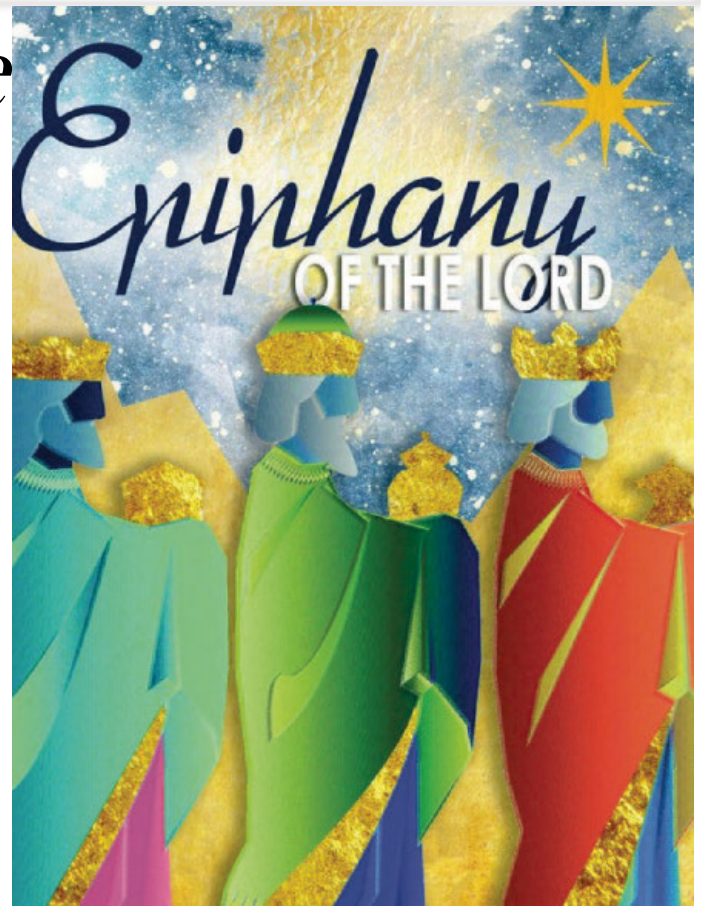
Due to privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify the parish office
if parishioners are admitted. Please contact the rectory if you or
one of your family members are going to be hospitalized.

Sick Calls:

Contact the rectory with questions.

Vocations:

Do you have questions about vocations, or would like to talk
about your vocation? Call the pastor, visit [archomaha.org/
ministries/vocations/](http://archomaha.org/ministries/vocations/), contact Fr. Roza at 402-558-3100 or
ajroza@archomaha.org or our Vocation Committee: Leonard &
Theresa Gabriel 402-910-4563 or tree.gabriel@gmail.com.



PRIEST: 402-564-7151

Pastor. Fr. Mike Swanton

Permanent Deacons. Dan Keiter
Larry Mielak, Jim Naughtin and Art Spenner

PARISH OFFICE TEAM: 402-564-7151

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President. Jeff Ohnoutka

From our Pastor



On behalf of the priests and staff at St. Bonaventure Church and School, we wish you all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

This weekend, we celebrate *Epiphany*, literally “a manifestation” or appearance of the Savior to the Magi. This contains a deeper meaning, that of Christ being revealed to people of all faiths (or no faith at all), not just the Jews. May we recognize Christ as the King of Kings and the Lord of our lives. Let’s not miss this revelation, as did the Jewish people in Jesus’ time. Jesus manifests himself in a special way to us in the Eucharist. Make a New Year’s resolution to intentionally put God first in your life and make the Eucharist a priority.

What a grand and glorious Christmas celebration we experienced! Thank you to the St. Bon’s staff for giving of your full self, like our Blessed Mother, during this busy season. Thank you to the decorating committee in the gradual adornment of our church for Advent and Christmas. It really allowed us to worship more fully. Thank you to our choirs and musicians for lifting our hearts and minds to God. Thank you to all our deacons, servers, lectors, EMHCs, ushers and others who ministered in particular ways during our grand liturgies. And, thank you, parishioners and visitors, for attending, making God a priority in this season of joy and hope. **MAY GOD BE PRAISED!**

Blessings,

Fr. Mike

DECORATING TEAM

A big thank you to the following volunteers who helped decorate the Church and Parish Center during the Advent Season: Meghan Hunt, Kate Jones, Peg Ziola, Dawn Owens, Jasper Owens,

Mary Maguire, Lisa Windedahl, Liz Hamling, Tami Williams, Steve Kovar, Adam Hall, Ron Ziola, Dianne Keiter. **ALSO!** A big THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for donating the beautiful nativity scene that is now in our Parish Center Hallway.



THANK YOU FUNERAL DINNER CREWS & LOL CIRCLES!

Thank you to the Ladies of the Lord (LOL) **Circle 3** for providing the salads and desserts for the December 17, **Betty Greiner funeral**. We have 12 Circles that take turns providing salads and desserts for our funeral dinners and we have five Funeral Dinner crews of volunteers that take turns helping out prepping, serving the food and cleaning up for our funeral dinners on a rotation basis. A Big Thank You to the volunteers from **Funeral Dinner Team 4** who helped with the prepping, serving and clean up at the dinner: Mary Mielak and Cindy Sackett.

CHURCH CLEANING

Crew #3 will clean Church on Saturday, January 8 at 7:00 AM. Thank you to the following who cleaned church on Dec. 18: Duane Ostdiek, Jill Erickson, Jan Foltz, Michelle Moore, Betty Heimann, Lindsay Hajek & Thomas Settje. And to those who cleaned church on Dec. 22: Marlene Rickert, Jill Clarey, Jacey Clarey, Colson Kosch, Kiley Kosch, Alivia Kreikemeier, Kenzie Young, Jane Kelly Mary Peterson & Pat Parry.

Simon House balers for January 21: Don Cieloha & Jerry Duren

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

A great Big Thanks to the 228 people who attended the Knights of Columbus breakfast plus 42 students & adults who helped serve the meal and clean up. Over \$2000.00 was collected for students going to the March for Life in Washington D.C. Plan to attend the next Knights of Columbus #938 breakfast on Sunday, January 2, 7:30AM - Noon in the St. Bon’s Parish Center. A Free Will offering with profits going to help with Night of Entertainment. All are welcome!



PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish office will be closed Monday, January 3rd for the New Year holiday.

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Save the Date
because the

Night of Entertainment
is off to the Races

Donations for the Grand & Silent Auction can be turned into the Rectory by January 21st!



MEALS ON WHEELS

St. Bon’s is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels the week of January 10. Please call Jan Brezinski, 402-276-0128 if you will be able to deliver to the home bound that week. Reminder: the hospital has asked that all volunteers, which includes MOW, to stop by the hospital with your card with your Covid shots record so they can take a copy of it prior to January 10. Thank you for your consideration of this matter!

2021 LOL THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

Donations for bake sale via envelopes.....\$1,752.82
 Proceeds from day of bake sale.....\$902.50
 Raffle money.....\$82.00
 Total bake sale proceeds.....\$2,737.32

Big thank you to Donna Hoppe, Circle 2 Leader, and Joan Van Dyke, Circle 4 Leader, and all the volunteers that made the bake sale a big success!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Thank you to the musicians and all who attended our Advent Adoration event. A special thank you to Tracy Augustine, Adam Hall, Ray Johnson, Dianne Keiter, Jon Misfeldt, Janae Rusher, Jillian Rusher, Joanna Rusher, McKenzie Young, The Mixed Choir and The Men’s Choir for sharing your gifts, and to Tanner & Steph Johnson for hosting the reception in the Parish Center. Please contact Dianne Keiter at 402-564-7151 to join our music ministry; we are in need of more accompanists!

LIVE Lent TOGETHER

IN PERSON TRAINING

FEBRUARY 3, 2022
6:00 - 8:30PM
ST. BON'S PARISH CENTER

Contact Cheryl Drozd to sign up: columbuscsg@gmail.com or 402-910-2868

Jesus started with a small group of 12 men, and they *changed* the WORLD. Today, you are called to step into the same mission given to the apostles.

Archbishop Lucas asks you to join him and the faithful of the Archdiocese to gather in small groups this Lent. These small groups, like that first small group, will build community, true friendship around the **Word of God**.

Register for a Live Lent Together training for small group leaders by going to ArchOmaha.org/Lent. We will give you the tools and the **confidence** to take this small but **bold** step. **Because small groups can still change the world!**

STEWARDSHIP



*Memorial Gifts Have Been
Given In Memory of:*

Bob Lauterbach: M/M Mike & Diane Schneider, M/M Dennis & Carol Kouma, Mary Liebig, M/M Tom & Tami Williams, M/M Gene & Jan Engelbert, M/M Bill & Pat Bogus, M/M Rich & Katie, Odbert, Jan Lauterbach Family & Friends

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Pat Spencer: Virginia Martin

Rich Nosal: Virginia Martin

Ron Faltys: M/M Mark & Dee Landholm

Project 2020:

Bob Lauterbach: Janet Brezinski

LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

December 27– December 31, 2021

\$55-(0725) Ben Beller	12-27-21
\$55-(0837) Mercedes Brezinski	12-28-21
\$55-(0328) Jane Kelly	12-29-21
\$55-(0658) Shayla Borchers	12-30-21
\$55-(0339) Jim Thalken	12-31-21

CEMETARY NEWS!

Cemetery Plots now available in Section F at St. Bonaventure Cemetery, please contact office for more information.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

December 19, 2021

Contributions Received.....	\$14,640.35
Year-To-Date Actual Received.....	\$477,185.22
Year-To-Date Budgeted.....	\$459,125.00
Net Excess (Deficit).....	\$18,063.00

ST. JOSEPH FUND

Contribution Received.....	\$3,095.14
Donations to-date.....	\$35,141.00



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are most grateful to all our parishioners who have already made a gift intention to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish has currently committed \$46,393.00 towards our goal of \$68,202.28, with 13.17% of our members participating. If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, you may drop off your commitment form to the parish office or place it in the collection basket next weekend.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

(partial list)

In Memory of:

• Dush/Ternus Family
• Erv & Randy Wieser
• Frank & Minnie Gonka Family
• Caryll Karges, Bob Schrad
• George & Jean Bixemann,
• George Bixemann Jr.
• Jeanette Dusel
• Mary Lou Schmidt
• Bud & Frances Gablenz
• Kyler Wemhoff
• Liv/ Dec Motley/Mostek Families
• Thomas Gwardyak
• Ervin Chavanu, Bill Chavanu
• Jack Pinger
• Rott/Buettner Families

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Mr. Joe Motley
Ms. Donna Chavanu
M/M Ron Pinger
M/M Mary & Richard Buettner

SPANISH

ANUNCIOS en ESPAÑOL



SANTA MARIA MADRE DE DIOS

Padre Jairo Congote

¡Qué mejor manera de empezar el año que con una bendición! Dios nos bendice. Dios "dice bien" de nosotros, eso es lo que significa bendecir. Además, en el Antiguo Testamento, tiene también el significado de desear toda clase de bienes y dones, tanto materiales como espirituales. Así que estaremos de acuerdo en que necesitamos esa "bendición" de Dios para comenzar este año 2022. María "conservaba todas estas cosas, meditándolas en su corazón". Ella no se perdió ni una de las bendiciones de Dios. Hoy la recordamos como la Madre de Dios, por ese SI al proyecto de Dios, hecho vida en Jesús. Hoy, el Niño es circuncidado, "y le pusieron por nombre Jesús". Ese niño es su Hijo y todos nosotros también somos hijos en Él. Eso es lo que San Pablo nos recuerda: Jesús es el Hijo de Dios, María es la Madre de Dios, nosotros somos también hijos en el Hijo, hermanos unos de otros, hijos de un mismo Dios que es "Abba" ("papá"). Así nos trata Dios. Así nos quiere Dios. Así nos bendice Dios. También, en este primer día del año, la Iglesia nos invita a rezar por la paz en el mundo.

Este es un día para dar gracias a Dios y pedirle que nos ayude. Gracias por todo lo que hemos vivido en este año que terminamos, gracias por lo que viviremos en el año que comienza, 2022, gracias por todo lo nuevo que aparece en nuestra vida. Le pedimos a Dios que todos los buenos deseos que tenemos y que nos decimos en el Nuevo Año sepamos hacerlos realidad. Hacemos nuestro propósito de favorecer todo lo que ayude a que haya más felicidad para todos, amigos y desconocidos. Hacemos nuestros los deseos de la bendición de la lectura del libro de los Números: "Que el Señor te bendiga y te proteja, ilumine tu rostro y te conceda su favor; el Señor se fije en ti y te conceda la paz". Este es nuestro deseo: "Paz y bien para todos".

Cada día del año necesitamos echar fuera de nuestro corazón la inclinación al mal, la debilidad y el pecado, para poder llenarlo de un auténtico amor a Dios y de un siempre renovado amor al prójimo. Cada día del año necesitamos estrenar nuestro corazón. En este primer día del año 2022 debemos hacerlo con una especial fuerza interior y con una súplica humilde y sincera. No nos asustemos demasiado si estamos en crisis porque el ser humano siempre ha vivido, de una u otra manera, envuelto en alguna crisis. El vivir humano ya es, en sí mismo, un vivir en crisis. Por eso, necesitamos levantarnos cada día con un propósito renovado de vencer nuestras crisis. Para conseguirlo necesitamos la piedad de Dios, su amor y su misericordia. Nuestro corazón es un corazón frágil y quebradizo; intentemos estrenar cada mañana un corazón nuevo, moldeado por la mano amorosa de un Dios Padre y Madre. Sí, pidamos a Dios en este primer día del año 2022 que tenga piedad de nosotros y nos bendiga. **Celebramos la maternidad divina de María.** Santa María, Reina de la Paz, que seamos tus hijos donde nos encontremos en este recién estrenado Año 2022, artífices y promotores de una PAZ verdadera. No una paz disfrazada de guerras o de violencias subterráneas. Aquella Paz que, Jesús, nos trae en el portal de Belén y que está sustentada en la bondad de Dios.

DÍA DE DESPACHO PARROQUIAL

Todos los viernes de 2:00 pm a 4:00 pm Padre Jairo disponible para agendar quinceañeras, visitas, bendiciones, confesiones, matrimonios y bautizos. El lunes es mi día libre. Por favor llamarme cualquier día **menos el lunes**. Mi número celular es 402889 1554. También pueden usar mi número para que los registre por WhatsApp y recibir la reflexión diaria. Muchas gracias.



SPIRITUAL/LITURGY



Today we include the following parishioners and friends who are sick and are in need of your care and love.

Please pray for those who need the hope and strength of the Lord:
Sam Nahorny, Fernanda Madrigal

We also pray for those who have died:
Howard Hughes, Leonard Paprocki

LITURGICAL MINISTRY AVAILABILITY



Please update your availability before January 10 for our Ministry Scheduler Program. You can do this via the online portal, the app or by phone. The next schedule will be for January 22 - April 3, 2022. Contact Diane with questions or to join a ministry! 402-564-7151.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign up to be a temporary sub or find a friend to rotate with you!

Adorers needed:

Sunday: Morning 2-3 am (5th Sunday only)

Sunday: Night 11-12 (Midnight)

Thursday: Morning 3-4 am (4th & 5th Thurs)

Thursday: Morning 5-6 am (Every Other Week)

Friday: Morning 1-2 am (Every Other Week)

Co-Captains needed. Substitute Adorers are always needed.



“What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the chalice of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.” Ps. 116:12-14

These words from the Psalmist come readily to my heart and mind after making perpetual profession on August 1st, and my heart is filled with gratitude. Since entering The School Sisters of Christ the King in Lincoln, NE over 10 years ago, I have been on a journey of faith. Jesus’ invitation and desire for “more” that set me on the path to religious life has been a beautiful encounter with our Crucified and Risen King.

It is a great joy to be His bride and mother of souls, especially through our apostolate of Catholic education. I have taught second grade for the last six years and am currently assigned to teaching at St. Teresa School in Lincoln.

I am confident that the joy and beauty of religious life has been something that has been fostered for many years. I am very grateful for the support from the parishioners of the three Columbus parishes. I know that in calling me to this way of life, he also has called each of you to be in communion with him. It is my prayer that all of you may find the joy of being one with Christ the King.

God bless you!

In Him through Mary, I am,
Sr. Teresa Marie, C.K.
Daughter of the Father
Spouse of Christ
Mother of Souls
2nd Grade Teacher at St. Teresa School –Lincoln, NE



Monday, 01/03	No Mass
Tuesday, 01/04	6:30 AM † Richard Triba
Wednesday, 01/05	6:30 AM † Jim & Rose Svoboda
Thursday, 01/06	6:30 AM † Dominic, Rose & Judy Geilenkirchen
Friday, 01/07	6:30 AM † Cathy Wibbels 8:15 AM † Bud Steiner
Saturday, 01/08	5:00 PM † Bob Lauterbach
Sunday, 01/09	7:00 AM † Liv/Dec Lawrence & Berth Dohmen Family 8:30 AM St. Bonaventure Parishioners 10:30 AM † Myron Bridges 1:30 PM † Rafael Garalazo (Spanish Mass)



Dear Fr. Swanton and St. Bonaventure Parishioners, Praised be Jesus Christ our Infant King! I am praying that this Advent season has been a time of grace and an experience of the Father’s tender love for you. I wanted to share a little of what the Lord has been doing in my life and vocation this year.

This summer, I spent four weeks teaching our summer catechetical program, Cor Jesu Rex, in small town parishes throughout the Lincoln diocese, and then was given the month of July to prepare more intensely for First Profession. The month ended with an 8 day retreat, in which Jesus really poured out his graces upon me. Then, on July 31st, 2021, I was blessed and privileged to make First Profession of the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, within Mass at our Motherhouse. God is so good, and I thank you for all the prayers and sacrifices you make for vocations. Know that they are truly effective!

Throughout these past years of discernment and formation, the Lord has shown me over and over again His abundant and healing love for me, and He continues to show this as I live and love in community. My mission this year is to team-teach in second grade with S. Teresa Marie at St. Teresa School in Lincoln. We have 14 students in our class, and each one is a hilarious, unique, and loving child of God. One of our boys looked up at me the other day, during a small group time, and said, very innocently, “You know, Sister, it seems like you’re still learning the art of teaching.” Out of the mouth of babes: yes, each day is a new opportunity for learning and for experiencing the love of the Father, even through the words and actions of the children we teach!

This past semester of teaching second grade has been a unique experience of learning how I am both a bride of Christ and mother of souls. The joys and the struggles I experience in the apostolate I bring to Jesus in prayer and this time with him is strength to be a witness of hope and encouragement. And this is not only true for religious, but for us all. We are all called to witness to the reality that Pope Francis speaks about in *The Joy of the Gospel*: “The Gospel responds to our deepest needs, since we were created for what the Gospel offers us: friendship with Jesus and love of our brothers and sisters” (paragraph 265). May you ever deepen in this friendship with Him, who longs to satisfy every desire of your heart! Please pray for me and I will pray for you.

In the Heart of Christ the King,
I am,

Sister Mary Chiara Middendorf, C.K.

See more at: <https://www.cksisters.org/who-we-are/meet-the-sisters>

YOUTH & SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWS

Students will return from Christmas break on Thursday, Jan. 6. Scrip will be unavailable until Sunday, Jan. 2. The school office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 4. Happy New Year to all!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED!

St. Bonaventure School is in need of a part-time substitute teacher for a maternity leave. The substitute is needed for a 3rd grade classroom on Wednesday through Friday afternoons from noon - 3:45 p.m. during the months of March and April. If you have a teaching certificate and are interested in this subbing opportunity, please call Mrs. Zoucha at 564-7153 for more information.

SMALL GROUPS & CEC GROUPS*

call to
MISSION
you are invited

FOR A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP AND ENCOURAGEMENT!
COME HEAR FROM CATHOLIC SPEAKER - CALVIN
MUJELLER & BE RE-IGNITED IN YOUR FAITH!

Monday, January 17th - 7pm
Henry's on 11th St
BYOB - snacks provided
All are welcome!

*Anyone in a small group, bible study group or Christians Encounter Christ (CEC) group

SAVE THE DATE!

Trivia Night 2022 is set for Saturday, March 5 in the Parish Center! Table reservations can be made starting Monday, January 10. This year's theme is Team Spirit! Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards the St. Bon's Day-care & Preschool!



SCRIP SALES

Scrip can be ordered by calling the school at 402-564-7153 during the morning school hours or emailing bbrockhaus@stb.esu7.org. Scrip is also sold after the 8:30 & 10:30AM Sunday Masses.

Weekly Sales	\$41,795.00
Profit.....	\$1,742.09
Year-To-Date.....	\$27,733.11
March 31,2022 Goal.....	\$35,000.00

AROUND THE AREA

UPCOMING ST. BENEDICT CENTER EVENTS

Men's Retreat: January 21 – 23, 2022, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Benedictines Brother August Schaefer and Father Thomas Leitner. We are surrounded by so many voices telling us that our happiness consists in wealth, in pleasure, in power and in worldly honor. Jesus, however, calls upon us to rid ourselves of those attachments, to anchor ourselves in God's steadfast love, and to will the good of the other person. This retreat will help us listen to Christ throughout this year. The schedule includes brief conferences, silence, Mass, Confession, fellowship, and spiritual direction. Open to all ages. Scholarships are available. – Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Safe Environment Training will be held on the following date at Scotus Catholic School, 1554 18th Ave. all at 6:30 PM:

Jan. 18, 2022	April 19, 2022
Feb. 15, 2022	Aug. 9, 2022
March 22, 2022	Aug. 30, 2022
	Sept. 20, 2022

Pre-registration is required by Noon the day of the training. Please email Laurie L. Hergott for registration instructions, lhergott@scotuscc.org. While Safe Environment training is designed for people working with children and vulnerable adults in our Catholic schools and churches, everyone interested in learning about protecting our children and youth are invited to attend.

'ALPHA' IN COLUMBUS



A steph on your journey with Christ: ALPHA is a place to come & share in fellowship & openly ask questions about life, faith & God. Beginning Tuesday nights starting Feb 1 at Henry on 11th 6:30-8 and/or Sunday nights starting Feb 6 at Saint Anthony's 6:30-8. If interested in attending this February, please contact Cheryl Drozd at columbuscsg@gmail.com or 402-910-2868. We are also looking for volunteers to help with this opportunity!

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St. Joseph Catholic Church (155 A St., Platte Center) offers a 7:30 PM Saturday night Mass with Fr. Walter Jong-A-Kiem every weekend.

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