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Calendar of Events

January

- 7 First Friday – Meeting at Newman Center and Lunch: Rosary 11:40 a.m.; Mass 12 noon
- 21 Third Friday Meeting at Newman Center: 12 noon. Speaker- Fr Meysenberg
- 28 *Fourth Friday Fast*

February

- 4 First Friday Meeting at Newman Center: Rosary 11:40 a.m.; Mass 12 noon.
- 18 Third Friday Meeting at Newman Center Lunch: 12 noon. Speaker-Vern Steiner
- 25 *Fourth Friday Fast*

March

- 4 First Friday Meeting at Newman Center and Lunch: Rosary 11:40 a.m.; Mass 12 noon.
- 18 Third Friday Meeting at Newman Center Lunch: 12 noon. Speaker-Fr Kane
- 20 Table of St Gregory Banquet
- 25 *Fourth Friday Fast*

Letter from President Dick Veik

Hello Serrans of Lincoln!

I hope and pray that all of you are well and had an enjoyable Advent and Christmas. Jesus is born and is with us always. Soon we will celebrate Epiphany. The Magi are following the star and have travelled far, searching for the Newborn King...

Over Christmas break, Lonnie and I have had lunch with our adopted seminarians. It is always great to keep in touch with them and hear how they are doing. Some are bubbly excited while others are quiet and prayerful. Each is an individual with qualities that God can use. They are listening to God as they discern their vocation in life. Yes, we hope all will become a priest, yet they are listening for God's direction. Let His will be done!

I encourage all Serrans to adopt a seminarian. Bill Graeve is the contact. Our seminarians need our prayers as they discern God's call. I can assure you that they are praying for us.

We are always open to new members. If there is anyone you know who might be interested in Serra club, invite him.

Let us continue to pray for all of our professed religious, those who are in formation for their vocation and those who are in contemplation of their vocation here in the Diocese of Lincoln.

On the day after Christmas, it looks like someone had a long night and needs some breakfast before taking a much deserved rest!



MEMORIES of 4th Quarter 2021 October 1 St Gregory the Great Seminary Vespers



Banquet for Serra Club Members and Spouses



October 15

Catholic Social Services Executive Director Katie Patrick

Providing Hope in the Good Life

Providing hope for those in need at home and from abroad was the message Katie Patrick, recently named executive director of Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska (CSS), shared with Serra Club members in October. Of the five main programs CSS offers, she said the Refugee Resettlement and Employment Services program has been one of the busiest in recent months.

“We are prepared to help resettle, at minimum, 125 refugees from Afghanistan in the coming months,” said Patrick. “Many of them helped the U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan. Due to the rapid evacuation, most of these Afghans came literally with only the clothes on their backs. Gifts in-kind, especially winter clothing and furniture for homes are in great need.” This CSS program assists clients with housing, healthcare, education,

community and cultural orientation and job placement. Refugees from over a dozen countries have been helped by CSS this past year.

The Immigration and Legal Services program provides high quality legal services for refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, victims of human trafficking, and survivors of domestic violence. CSS also provides service for people applying for citizenship.

Offering cash assistance to households who struggle to pay rent, utilities, car repairs, and other expenses is the job of the Emergency Services program. “Because of the pandemic, we saw more people in need,” said Patrick. “We can provide clothing and furniture vouchers to shop at the thrift stores located in Lincoln, Auburn, Hastings, and Imperial.”

Patrick said the CSS Food Market program in Lincoln resembles a small grocery store. “We have volunteers who walk through the food market with those in need to help them select the food items they need and those that may be healthier.” She said this reduces waste, builds relationships, encourages accountability, and adds to the overall health and dignity of the human person.

St. Gianna Women’s Homes is the fifth program offered by CSS. “St. Gianna’s provides long term transitional housing and support for survivors of domestic violence and crisis pregnancies,” explained Patrick. “We also offer financial education, counseling and other things to help the women get back on their feet.”

She added that CSS has recently updated and expanded the St. Louise Gift and Thrift Store near 22nd and O Streets. The front was refurbished to look more like the store did in the 30’s and 40’s when it was a produce store.



October 24

Cassock Day at the St Gregory the Great Seminary



**Lincoln Diocese Seminarian, Nik Barger with
Rector Fr Brian Kane**



**Nik with his brother John Paul, parents Carleen and Russ
Barger**

November 19

**Dr. Patrick Callahan-Director of Newman Institute for
Catholic Thought & Culture**



December 17

Recognizing the Retired Priests

Fr Nicholas Baker, Fr William Kalin, Msgr Adrian Herbeck, Bishop Robert Finn and Bishop Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz attended and each talked about their assignments as priests.





Save the Date

March 20

**Table of St Gregory the Great
Fundraising Banquet**

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SERRAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

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