



# BENEDICTINE OBLATES OF NEBRASKA

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**OBLATION CEREMONY:** Sunday, November 10, 2002, 2 p.m. in the Madonna James E. Ryan Memorial Chapel Followed by reception in the North Commons. Family and Friends are invited to attend (*more details below*).

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Lincoln Chapter:** No meeting of the General Assembly in November.

**Hastings Chapter:** No meeting in November

**Greenwood/Ashland:** 7-9 p.m.

- Thursday, November 7, Ashland CCD Center (optional lessons)
- Thursday, November 21, St. Joseph Church Hall. Respond in writing, “What draws me to Benedictine Spirituality?” Lessons: Eucharist, Work, and Hospitality

**Steinauer:** Banquet Room across from St. Anthony’s Church

- Monday, November 18, 7-9 p.m. Respond in writing, “How will I get there?” Lessons: The Hours and Eucharist

**OBLATION CEREMONY DETAILS:** *Let us make this a very special day for those making their first Oblation, others who will make their final Oblation and the many who will be renewing their Oblation. In the spirit of the Gospel, Oblates commit themselves to a continual conversion in Christ. Through the deepening of their baptismal promise, Oblates are free to put on Christ and to allow Christ to permeate their lives. In this way, Oblates come to recognize that in all the phases and events of their lives, in their joys and successes as in their sorrows and disappointments, they are in close union with Christ and participate in his very death and resurrection.*

Novices will receive a Benedictine medal and sign a document. New Oblates will receive an Oblate pin, sign a document, receive a Certificate signed by the Prioress and take a new name. Those renewing their Oblation will sign a document. The signed documents will be preserved in the Archives of Sacred Heart Monastery.

The following will be making their **First Oblation** to become Novices. If I have missed someone, or I have spelled a name incorrectly, do let me know.

**Greenwood/Ashland:**

- † Mary Francis Reinke      † Roxy Root
- † Sam Mueller

**Hastings:**

- † Debra Clarke,                      † Margaret Kepford
- † Mary M. Dixon                      † Carmen Mangers
- † Richard Gerritsen                      † Dixie Tripe
- † Wendy Keele

**Lincoln:**

- † Donna Baker                              † Diane Lerch
- † Paul Barnett                              † Daniel Pope
- † Don Blankenau                              † Thomas Reppart
- † Karen Bonkiewicz                              † Roger Riss
- † Bonnie Borden                              † John Robson
- † Dick Drueke                              † Kathryn Robson
- † Ginger Goomis                              † Mary Schroer
- † Jane Langan                              † Bonnie Tyrrell
- † Sarah Weaver
- Tina Colgan

The following will be making their **Final Oblation** to become Oblates:

**Greenwood/Ashland:**

- † Betty Barber                              † Catherine Joan Mueller
- † Mary Anna Fertig                              † Ruth Ploof
- † Don McCarty                              † Robert Wall
- † Mary McCarty                              † Tammie Whitney

**Lincoln:**

- † Carol Barry                              † Nathan Knutson
- † Bruce Dickensen                              † Peggy Loos
- † Michael Flaherty                              † Esther Pfabe
- † Norma Heinicke                              † Jean Timmerman
- † Dilia Hernandez                              † Mayela Vallejos-
- † Lucy Kahler                              † Ramirez
- † Marta Wheeler

**FORMATION HANDBOOKS:** We have learned that some of our Handbooks have several pages missing. In the “On-Going Formation” section, the page with the sub-titles, “d” and “e” are missing. Also, the page entitled “Contemplative Outreach” is missing behind the article “Lectio Divina.” Should you be missing these pages, let your Companion and Cell leader know, who will arrange with me to get them for you.

**Meet Julian of Norwich performed by Molly Delaney, Sunday, November 3, 2002, Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton, SD at 1:00 PM. and a Saturday evening workshop at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free!**

**Julian of Norwich**, mystic, spiritual guide and writer, was born in England in 1342, two years after Chaucer, and it is believed that she lived well into her seventies. Her story is a personal account of medieval times when England suffered

from plagues and desperate poverty. She tells of her life as a recluse in Norwich, where she preached a hope-filled message to those in need of spiritual guidance – during a period when faith and hope were easily lost through despair and sickness.

Molly Delaney is a Minneapolis native. She first performed “Julian” in 1986 at the Robsham Theater and has toured the show all over the U.S. for more than ten years.

A workshop just for religious and Oblates will be on Saturday evening, November 2, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapter Room. Molly will give a short lecture on Julian’s history, life and works and she will look at quotes from Julian’s writings, themes and theology. **LET SISTER PHYLLIS KNOW IF SHE CAN ASSIST IN ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION FOR YOU.** If you are planning to attend we need to let Sister Ann Kessler know at the Monastery.

**BENEDICTINE PEACE CENTER**, Sacred Heart Monastery, **Living the Word of God Retreat**, Fri., Nov. 15, 7:30 pm to Sun., Nov. 17, 1:00 pm. A retreat to explore *lectio* as spiritual formation—a Benedictine way of living the Scriptures. \$135 includes room & meals. Contact, Jeanne Ranek, OSB, jranek@mtnc.edu.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

- New Liturgical calendars will continue to be available at our next meetings for \$1.
- A website on prayer you may wish to see is [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie).
- If you are going to be absent from a meeting, you may wish to get yourself a buddy who will pick up materials and take notes for you.
- You can find the daily readings and feastsdays at [www.yanktonbenedictines.org](http://www.yanktonbenedictines.org).

#### OBLATE NOTES:

- Phil Kelley, Oblate: Two teenage boys do keep Donna and me very busy. Even though both of them are pretty independent and Tim can drive, there is still a lot going on. Tim is a senior at Prep and Matt is a freshman. We are busy looking for colleges for Tim. Matt’s current ambition is a medical career. Tim still has his eyes on becoming an aerospace engineer. Both have been very active in Scouts and on the staff of the summer camp. Tim has become involved in a Scout training program called C.O.P.E. and is designed to build confidence and teamwork in its participants. It has spawned an interest in climbing (rope climbing). Both boys never cease to amaze Donna (Oblate) and me. Donna and I are both working too hard. Donna spends most of her working hours on the burn unit at NHS-Clarkson which I think can be emotionally draining. I just finished writing a grant and though demanding, I am enjoying my work at Boys Town National Research Hospital. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.
- Mary (and John) Schere, Oblates: What a treat to see you and Sister Enid and a few of the Oblates besides

having a wonderful lunch. We have been wended our way to the Phoenix area and are going to “teen” sit a granddaughter while her parents are gone for a couple of weeks. At the moment I’m high above AZ on my way to Spokane for my brother’s funeral. I am glad John and I were able to spend some time with him and his family earlier this summer. I will miss him greatly. We will wander around AZ and CA for a while til Thanksgiving and spend that in CO before going back to Deming, NM for December. John has had good reports thus far. Love and PAX!

- Brigid Amos, joined S. Phyllis & S. Enid at SHM for the institute, “Conversatio” presented by Sister Ephrem of MN.
- Wilma White accompanied S. Phyllis to the Hastings meeting.
- Lou Ann Green accompanied S. Phyllis and S. Enid to Clyde Monastery for a business meeting of the North American Association of Oblate Directors.
- Tammy Whitney spent a weekend at SHM attending a Liturgical Dance workshop.
- You can see Ruth Ford delivering patient and resident mail at Madonna on Wednesday mornings.
- We are pleased to hear that Marti Fritzen has a new car after her other car was drenched in the flood on A Street.
- Rachel Jensen shared in the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Father Redmerski at Valentino’s
- We are saying prayers of thanksgiving for Anne Johnson’s recent cat scan which shows unusual recovery.
- Lucy Kahler will be helping Sister Phyllis in the Oblate office again.
- There were 36 Oblates in attendance at our recent one day retreat given by S. Connie Krstolic. It won high praise.
- Catherine Nguyen is now doing her pediatric neurology rotation in Washington, DC.

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