School Masses
During the academic year, school Masses are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

No School
There is no school Monday, November 20th for Parent-Teacher conferences, November 21st to 24th for Thanksgiving break, and no school November 27th for teachers meetings. School resumes on Tuesday, November 28th.

All Saints Collections
Items being collected at All Saints School are BoxTops for Education, HyVee Receipts, Family Fire and Supermercado Receipts, Our Family Barcodes, Pop can “tabs” for Shriner’s Hospital, and used cell phones (please clear personal information) for recycling. These items can be dropped off at the All Saints School Office. They greatly appreciate your assistance with collecting these items.

All Saints Craft Fair
All Saints is looking for vendors/crafters for their 2nd Annual Craft Fair. The fair will be Saturday, December 9th, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please contact Karen Avila for more information at kavila@allsaintscs.org or 402-346-5757.

Parish and Community Happenings
Spaghetti Dinner Save-the-Dates
Our Spring Spaghetti Dinner will be Sunday April 22nd. Prep times are: Meatballs April 14th, Pasta April 15th, Bones/Cookie frosting April 18th, and Sauce/Setup April 20th. Please mark your calendars now as “many hands make light work”!

Mercy High Show Choir Camp
Learn how to sing and dance in a show choir, meet new friends, have some fun and PUT ON A SHOW!!! Join us for the annual Show Choir Camp for 4th-8th grade girls at Mercy High School on December 9th from 9 AM-4:30 PM. For more details go to: http://www.mercyhigh.org/editoruploads/files/show_choir_camp.pdf.

Guatemalan Mission Information Sessions
In June/July of 2018, you will have the opportunity to join other volunteer missionaries on a 12-day trip to Huehuetenango, Guatemala. For nearly 15 years we have had a sister-diocese relationship between the Archdiocese of Omaha and the Diocese of Huehuetenango. Missionaries who have experienced this relationship personally by travelling to Guatemala, describe the trip as “an encounter with the Living Christ” and “a profoundly moving” or “life changing” experience. Preparations have begun for our 15th trip in the summer of 2018. If you would like to learn more about the mission of Exim (pronounced “ee-sheem”) or to consider joining next year’s mission to Guatemala, please attend one of the upcoming information meetings:
- Sunday, December 10th, 2:00-3:00 pm, The Cabrini Parish Center, 1248 S 10th St.

Advent at Catholic Cemeteries
The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Omaha invites those who have experienced the death of a loved one to join us each Wednesday of Advent, December 6th, December 13th and December 20th at 6:00 pm in Holy Angels Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. We will pray for your peace and healing as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. Leave your prayer petitions on the Christmas tree of remembrance and hope. Your petitions will be offered in prayer all of Advent and presented silently at the January 8 Memorial Mass in Holy Angels Mausoleum. After this Mass these petitions will be buried on the Cemetery grounds. For further information please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402/391-3711 or by email at jtardy@catholiccem.com

Special Collection
There will be a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development this weekend, November 18 and 19th.

Dietz Memorial Soup Luncheon
This Sunday, November 19th, from 12 noon til 1 pm, Dietz Memorial United Methodist Church on 10th and Worthington is hosting their soup luncheon. They invite us to support them by coming and enjoying some good soup. Cost is $8.00.

Thanksgiving Mass
This Thursday we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Mass will be at 9:00 am rather than the usual 8:20 am time.

Parish Center closed for holiday
The Parish Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

ACH - Direct Deposit option
You now have the option of making a monthly or twice a month gift to the parish by using ACH, which is a way to directly deposit your Sunday donation into the parish’s bank account. It is convenient and simple. All you need to do is fill out the ACH form including the amount of your tithing commitment and the rest is taken care of.

Upcoming Schedule
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Growing In Faith

The Bible Timeline Series
No sessions this week due to Thanksgiving. We will resume on Thursday, November 30th at 9 am and 7 pm, with Conquest and Judges Part 2. The reading for this session is the book of Judges.

Daily Mass Schedule
Tuesday, Nov. 21 8:20 AM +Milagros Nicolas
Wednesday, Nov. 22 8:20 AM +Nina D’Agosta
Thursday, Nov. 23 9:00 AM +Mike Montello
Friday, Nov. 24 8:20 AM +Margaret Korinek
Saturday, Nov. 25 5:00 PM +Deceased members of Sweeney & Kelley families
Sunday, Nov. 26 9:00 AM Pro Populo
Sunday, Nov. 26 11:00 AM +Leo Gillespie

Reconciliation Schedule
Saturdays: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (northwest room of the Church)

Other Masses Schedule
Wednesdays: 3:00 PM at St. Joseph’s Tower
Fridays: 10:15 AM at St. Joseph’s Villa

Thanksgiving Prayer

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends and reflect on the blessings of the last year. Many of us experience renewed hope and faith during the Thanksgiving holiday because we turn our eyes onto what is most important. What if we spent time each day in giving thanks and prayer? How could God grow out faith and trust if we lived a life of thanks through all seasons and not just Thanksgiving time? When your heart is filled with gratitude, there is little room to worry or complain.

Dear Friends,

During the upcoming week we celebrate Thanksgiving where, as a culture, we pause to give thanks to God for the blessings of this past year. I will certainly be thanking God this week for all of you and the blessing you have been to me since I arrived here as your pastor. I am deeply blessed by your presence in my life. Thanks!

One of the things people should give thanks for on Thanksgiving is their family. Remembering the importance of the gift of family, I thought I would give you a few words from Pope Francis. This is taken from his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of Love, which was written following the synod on the family:

“Christ proposed as the distinctive sign of his disciples the law of love and the gift of self for others. He did so in stating a principle that fathers and mothers tend to embody in their own lives: ‘No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’ Love also bears fruit in mercy and forgiveness. We see this in a particular way in the scene of the woman caught in adultery; in front of the Temple, the woman is surrounded by her accusers, but later, alone with Jesus, she meets not condemnation but the admonition to lead a more worthy life. Against this backdrop of love so central to the Christian experience of marriage and the family, another virtue stands out, one often overlooked in our world of frenetic and superficial relationships. It is tenderness. Let us consider the moving words of Psalm 131. As in other biblical texts, the union between the Lord and his faithful ones is expressed in terms of parental love. Here we see a delicate and tender intimacy between mother and child: the image is that of a bade sleeping in his mother’s arms after being nursed. As the Hebrew word gaššul suggests, the infant is now fed and clings to his mother, who takes him to her bosom. There is a closeness that is conscious and not simply biological. Drawing on this image, the Psalmist sings: ‘I have calmed them with cords of compassion, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.’ The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Begetting and raising children, for its part, mirrors God’s creative work. The family is called to join in daily prayer, to read the word of God and to share in Eucharistic communion, and thus to grow in love and become even more fully a temple in which the Spirit dwells. Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod’s implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Like the Magi, our families are invited to contemplate the Child and his Mother, to bow down and worship him. Like Mary, they are asked to face their family’s challenges with courage and severity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done.”

I have always liked the Spanish word for “thanks” which is “gracias.” The word is also used to describe God’s activity with us, “gracia” or grace. To use the word to express gratitude expresses then, at the same time, the awareness of the presence of God. Giving thanks this week will, hopefully, help you to see God’s activity in your life.

Peace,
Fr. Damian

Sick and Recovering

Please pray for the sick and those recovering including:
Rose Carter, Helen and Nadia Soltysik, Luis A. Lopez Rios, Jim Burson, Veronica Jablonski, Marlene Hodik, Frank & Fannie Sorensen, Gail Randone, Antonella Troia, Jim Circo, Mary Rose, Dan Klimek, Nora Greco, Edith Trawickie, Ralph Lopez and all those in our nursing homes.
(To add or remove a name on our list, please call 402-934-7706.
We must have the person’s permission to print their name publicly.)

Collections
Catholic Charities Collection
St. Vincent de Paul Fund
Organ Fund
All Saints Gift Fund
Sunday Tithe

Liturgy and Mass Schedule
November 21, 2017—November 26, 2017

Daily Mass Schedule

Reconciliation Schedule
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Other Masses Schedule
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Stewardship
November 11-12, 2017

Sunday Tithes - Collections $ 7253.00
All Saints Gift Fund $ 350.00
Organ Fund $ 136.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund $ 85.00
Improvement Fund $ 86.00
Catholic Charities Collection $ 1,015.00

Pastor’s Letter