

All Saints School News

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School Masses

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



Parish and Community Happenings

First Semester Honor Roll

Students from St. Frances Cabrini who made Marian High School's First Semester Honor Roll are: Bernardette Kowal, Amou Majok, and Evelyn Paul. Congratulations!

Amoris Laetitia: Accompanying the Divorced & Remarried

A non-practicing Catholic said she thought that once you are divorced, you can't receive the Eucharist. (Not true.)

Mis-information, dis-information and plain old wishful thinking about divorce and Communion abound on the internet and in our families.

What IS correctly recognized by most people, as evidenced by the 2014-15 Synod on the Family, is that divorce is a real pain point for Catholics. Our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors often feel alienated or estranged from the Church after divorce. We want the best for them but don't know how to lovingly invite them back when they don't feel "at home" in the Church.

Learn how the Christian community can faithfully accompany those who have experienced the pain of divorce and estrangement from the Church. On Monday, January 29, Fr. Mike Eckley will offer a pastoral look at divorce. Using *Amoris Laetitia*, the document that grew out of the discussions at the Synod on the Family, Fr. Mike will talk about "accompaniment" or meeting people where they are and recognizing the sacredness of that place. The full *Amoris Laetitia* document is available online as a pdf at many websites. This is an easy link: <https://zenit.org/articles/amoris-laetitia-full-text/>

Date: Monday, January 29

Time: 7 PM

Location: St. Pius X Parish Center, 6905 Blondo St

Topic: **Amoris Laetitia: Accompanying the Divorced & Remarried**

Gifts to St. Frances Cabrini Parish

Have you considered making a gift to St. Frances Cabrini Parish of appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, life insurance and real estate? It can be very beneficial for tax purposes and help support your parish and school ministry. Consult your financial, legal and tax advisor.

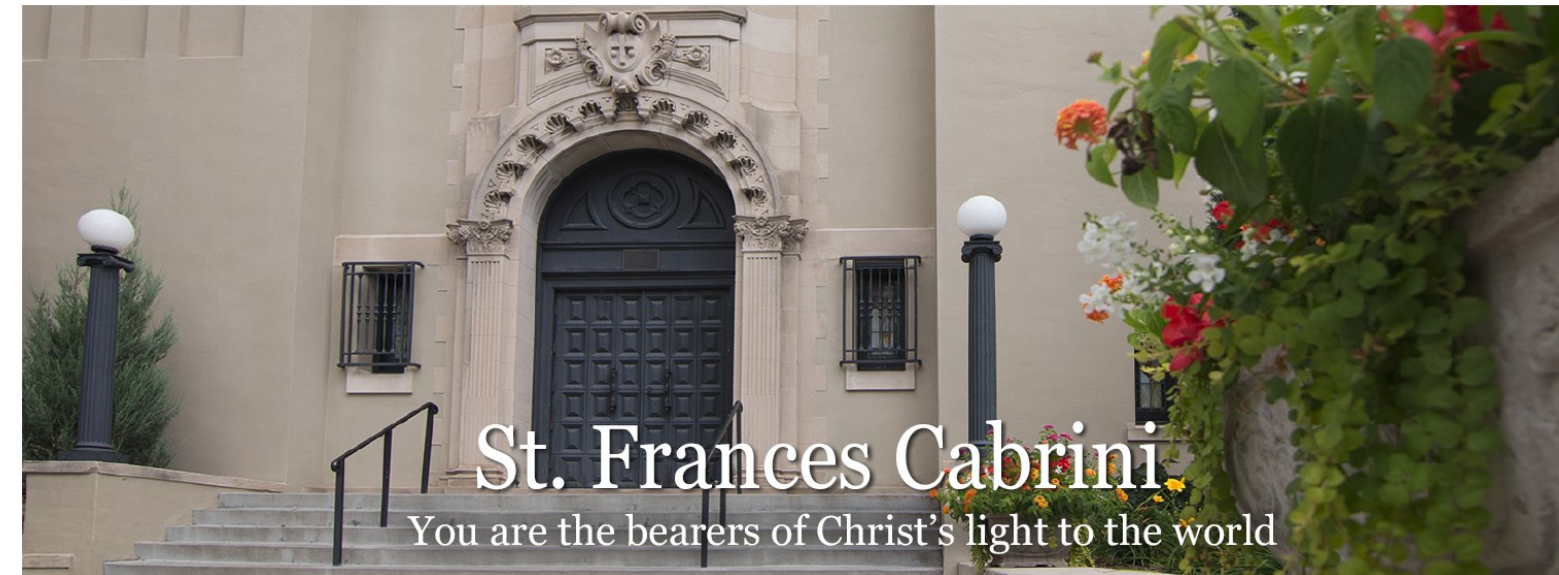
For more information, please call Fr. Damian or Jan Bode at the Cabrini Parish Center, 402-934-7706 or Tony LaMar, Legacy Planning Officer, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402-557-5650 or ajlamar@archomaha.org

Celebration of Life banquet, with guest speaker Sandra Merritt.

This event, hosted by Nebraskans United for Life, will be held Friday, January 12 at the DC Centre, 11830 Stonegate Dr., Omaha. Tickets are \$45/person, or \$360/table of 8, and may be purchased by donating at nufl.org, or by mailing a check to NUFL, 143 S. 38th St., Omaha, NE 68131. 6 pm Social/Silent Auction; 7 pm dinner/oral auction. *About Sandra Merritt:* She and fellow citizen journalist David Daleiden participated in an undercover video sting which exposed the trafficking of aborted human body parts. The case is now before the Supreme Court. Come hear Merritt tell the story of the remarkable undertaking that remains, and the historic legal battle it has become. *To learn more, please watch the Center for Medical Progress videos at enterformedicalprogress.org.* Money raised will help further Nebraskans United for Life work, which includes providing free and confidential services in our NuLife Pregnancy Resource Center, located inside Surprise Thrift Shop, 143 S. 38th St., Omaha.

Bulletin Additions

To have information published in the upcoming bulletin, please email bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com by Wed. evening



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

Coffee and Conversation

Join us as we read *Perfectly Yourself* by Matthew Kelly. We will be meeting for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesdays in January (starting January 10th). Please join us at 9 am, 12 noon, or 7 pm in the Parish Center. On January 10th we will be discussing Chapters 1 & 2. All are welcome! There are copies of the book still available at the entrances of the Church if you did not get one at Christmas services.

Christmas Decorations Take-down

We will be putting away all the Christmas decorations after the 11 am Mass this Sunday, January 7th, the Feast of the Epiphany. All helpers are welcome.

Seminary Special Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend, January 6-7, 2018 for the Diocesan Seminarian Fund.

Save the Date – St. Frances Cabrini Lenten Mission

Blessed with an extra-ordinary voice, Valimar Jansen is a highly regarded inspirational/catechetical speaker, singer, composer and recording artist. She is also a college professor, a leader of worship and prayer, and a workshop presenter at conferences across the United States and abroad. She will lead our Lenten Mission March 11th, 12th, and 13th. You will not want to miss this!

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 8	January 9	January 10 Coffee & Conversation 9 am, 12 noon, 7 pm	January 11 Bible Timeline 9am, 7 pm	January 12	January 13	January 14



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Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 9	8:20 AM	Matthew & Brittani Fr. Nicholas Bower
Wednesday, Jan. 10	8:20 AM	+Patricia Vocelka Fr. Nicholas
Thursday, Jan. 11	8:20 AM	+Marcella Wemhoff Fr. Nicholas
Friday, Jan. 12	8:20 AM	+Dora J. Skaja Fr. Nicholas
Saturday, Jan. 13	5:00 PM	+William P. Peters Fr. Nicholas
Sunday, Jan. 14	9:00 AM	+Pasquale & Fr. Nicholas Sebastiana Ricceri
Sunday, Jan. 15	11:00 AM	+August & Virginia Fr. Nicholas Palmesano

Other Masses Schedule

Wednesdays: 3:00 PM at St. Joseph's Tower

Fridays: 10:15 AM at St. Joseph's Villa

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Stewardship

December 30-31, 2017

Sunday Tithe - Collections	\$	7,384.00
Organ Fund	\$	200.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	1,307.00

Sick and Recovering

Please pray for the sick and those recovering including:

Marge Sogard, 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 Trawicke, 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.)

Growing In Faith

The Bible Timeline Series

Bible Timeline resumes our Story of Salvation Series with Session 13, The Divided Kingdom, on this Thursday, January 11th at 9 am and 7 pm. Reading for this is 1 Kings and 2 Kings.

"Coffee and Conversation"

A few months ago, Fr. Damian described what it means to be a disciple in his weekly letter. He said, "The word 'disciple' comes from the Greek, meaning 'learner, pupil, student.' A disciple is **one who has a heart for Christ and is intentionally focused on his or her spiritual formation. A disciple is never finished in their efforts to follow the master until they are exactly like the master.**"

As we begin this new year, we have a wonderful opportunity to grow as disciples - both as individuals and as a parish community. This Wednesday, January 10th we will begin to gather for "Coffee and Conversation" as we discuss the book *Perfectly Yourself* by Matthew Kelly. All are welcome! Truly! Those who love coffee and those who do not. Those who love conversation and those who do not (those who prefer to listen). Those who have read the chapters and those who have not. The beautiful thing about God is that God loves us and meets us just as we are. So come as you are! But... God never leaves us where we are. God always invites us to MORE.

As a former teacher, I'm certain that we learn more (the truth deepens in us) when we share what we've learned. Something important happens when we speak, when we share with others. And so it is with our faith lives, the Truth deepens in us as we share what God has revealed to us. As you read the chapters, pay attention to anything that touches your heart or moves you. Pause. Notice. Allow the Holy Spirit to love you and form you. Realize that the Spirit is the one who initiated the encounter, not you. It is a gift! And then come on Wednesday, trusting that the God who loves you will continue to form you and this community into our master, Christ himself, alive! Again, please join us for an hour on Wednesdays at 9 am, 12 noon OR 7 pm in the Parish Center - whatever time works best for you! On January 10th we will be discussing Chapters 1 & 2. Again, all are welcome! Ann Lenz

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. This year this feast brings us to the end of the Christmas season. Normally, it would go one more week of Christmas until the baptism of the Lord, but because the liturgical season ran short this year, the baptism does not get celebrated on a Sunday. To honor the end of Christmas season I would like to share with you some of Pope Francis' homily on Christmas:

"By decree of the Emperor, Mary and Joseph found themselves forced to set out. They had to leave their people, their home and their land, and to undertake a journey in order to be registered in the census. This was no comfortable or easy journey for a young couple about to have a child: they had to leave their land. At heart, they were full of hope and expectation because of the child about to be born; yet their steps were weighed down by the uncertainties and dangers that attend those who have to leave their home behind.

Then they found themselves having to face perhaps the most difficult thing of all. They arrived in Bethlehem and experienced that it was a land that was not expecting them. A land where there was no place for them.

And there, where everything was a challenge, Mary gave us Emmanuel. The Son of God had to be born in a stable because his own had no room for him. "He came to what was his own and his own people did not accept him."

And there, amid the gloom of a city that had no room or place for the stranger from afar, amid the darkness of a bustling city which in this case seemed to want to build itself up by turning its back on others... it was precisely there that the revolutionary spark of God's love was kindled. In Bethlehem, a small chink opens up for those who have lost their land, their country, their dreams; even for those overcome by the asphyxia produced by a life of isolation.

So many other footsteps are hidden in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary. We see the tracks of entire families forced to set out in our own day. We see the tracks of millions of persons who do not choose to go away but, driven from their land, leave behind their dear ones. In many cases this departure is filled with hope, hope for the future; yet for many others this departure can only have one name: survival. Surviving the Herods of today, who, to impose their power and increase their wealth, see no problem in shedding innocent blood.

Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the One who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship. The One who in his poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and authentic freedom are shown in honoring and assisting the weak and the frail...

In the Child of Bethlehem, God comes to meet us and make us active sharers in the life around us. He offers himself to us, so that we can take him into our arms, lift him and embrace him. So that in him we will not be afraid to take into our arms, raise up and embrace the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned. "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ". In this Child, God invites us to be messengers of hope. He invites us to become sentinels for all those bowed down by the despair born of encountering so many closed doors. In this child, God makes us agents of his hospitality.

Moved by the joy of the gift, little Child of Bethlehem, we ask that your crying may shake us from our indifference and open our eyes to those who are suffering. May your tenderness awaken our sensitivity and recognize our call to see you in all those who arrive in our cities, in our histories, in our lives. May your revolutionary tenderness persuade us to feel our call to be agents of the hope and tenderness of our people."

Peace,

Fr. Damian