Second Collection
There will be a second collection taken the weekend of February 17-18, 2018. The Black and Indian Mission (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities by building the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American and Alaska Native people of God. The amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support Parish Life and Catechesis, Evangelization, Helping Educators Reach Kids, and Encouraging Vocations.

Pro-Life Essay Contest — January 22 through March 25, 2018
Give voice to your pro-life values! The Archdiocese Pro-Life Essay Contest is now taking entries from students in grades 7-11. Prizes range from $20-$40, and first place entries will be submitted to the Knights of Columbus statewide contest. For the writing prompt and submission details, contact Whitney Bradley, Respect Life Apostolate Coordinator, at wabrady@archomaha.org or call 402-551-9003 x1306.

Your Action Needed Now
Our state legislature is considering an important legislative bill (LB 295) that advances educational opportunity for Nebraska’s low-income and working-class families, giving them the financial means to choose an education that best meets their children’s needs. LB 295 enacts a tax credit for private donations to nonprofits that would provide K-12 private-school scholarships for poor and working-class children.
Archbishop Lucas, and Bishops Conley and Hanefeldt invite you to contact your local state senator and ask them to support LB295. Visit www.ne catholic.org for more information. God bless your faithful advocacy!

“Create a Clean Heart for Me, O God”
Join the Institute for Priestly Formation for a Lenten Morning of Reflection, Saturday, March 3rd at Christ the King Church in Omaha. (These annual Lenten gatherings offer an opportunity for the laity to experience the IVP charism used in the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests who participate in our programs.) Presentations will be given by IVP staff members. The morning begins with the 8:15 parish Mass, includes a continental breakfast, presentations by the IVP Staff, time for silent reflection and concludes at noon. There is no charge for the event however free will offering for the refreshments will be gratefully accepted. For planning purposes, please register on-line at PriestlyFormation.org or call Linda at 402-280-3901.

Pope Francis’ Climate Scientist coming to Creighton
Pope Francis’s climate scientist V. Ramanathan, who is a pioneering figure in the history of climate science, is coming to Omaha. Dr. Ramanathan will be delivering a lecture at Creighton University on February 21, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Harper Center Ballroom. The lecture is entitled “Climate change: Morphing into an Existential Threat.” He will address the threat of climate and scientifically based solutions to reduce the threat. Registering at goo.gl/jhjUBL is not necessary, but it is helpful.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps Morning of Reflection
The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha invite you to the 9th annual Lenten “Morning of Reflection”, Enhance your journey through Lent with a morning of prayer and reflection with Jesuit Father Larry Gillick, SJ. On Saturday, February 24, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Creighton Prep Sullivan Center. Doors open at 8:30 am. Enter through the West side of the school. A free will offering at the door will be appreciated. Register at www.ivcusa.org/omaha Contact Becky at 402-681-6311 with questions.

Men Against Domestic Violence Action Coalition (MADVAC)
MADVAC will host a North Omaha Community Event on Saturday, February 17th from 9-11 am at the Metro-Community College Fort Omaha Campus Bldg. 22 Culinary Arts Building-Swanson Conference Center 201A. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. MADVAC is a volunteer-based organization that seeks to engage men of all ages in the Omaha Metro Area in the prevention of domestic violence. MADVAC was started by dedicated community leaders who recognized the high prevalence of domestic violence in the Omaha Metro Area and saw the potential for men to become proactively engaged in the prevention of this crime. Members of MADVAC meet regularly to work on action steps related to the development of violence prevention programs.

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

Parish and Community Happenings

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

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LENT at St. Frances Cabrini: Prayer; Fasting; Almsgiving; Love
Ash Wednesday: February 14th. A day of Fast and Abstinence in the Catholic Church. Mass and distribution of ashes will be at 8:20 am, 12:10 pm and 5:30 pm.
Weekend Masses: Each Mass will open with singing all 4 verses of “Open My Eyes Lord”. The Sanctus and Agnus Dei will be sung in Latin during Lent.

Fasting: Prayer is something that is easy to put off until the day is done and we haven’t spent any time with God in prayer. Each week in the Bulletin you will find suggestions for prayer time to practice for that week. For this first week, we ask you to pray each morning for a fruitful Lenten journey for our Parish.

Almsgiving: As Christians, and especially as Catholics, we are called to care for our fellow man. There will be baskets set up in the front of Church for donations to be placed in. Each week in the Bulletin you will find items to be brought the following weekend. We would like donations of Soaps and Shampoos to be brought on the 1st Sunday of Lent, February 17th-18th. All items donated during Lent will be taken to the Sienna Francis House.

Fasting: Fasting is denying ourselves, not just from certain types of food, but certain behaviors, certain activities— it is self-denial to free ourselves from slavery to our temper, appetites and impulses. Each week in the Bulletin you will find a suggestion of something to deny yourself for that week. For the first week of Lent we suggest giving up negative speech.

Love: St. John (1John 4:7-8) invites us to love one another, for God is love. All of the activities we invite you to participate in this Lenten Season are forms of loving one another and loving God. Make this your best Lent ever!

Upcoming Schedule

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Dear Friends,

Lent is a holy season in the church calendar, but I wonder if it isn’t awfully easy to miss the point of it. Pope Francis recently wrote a letter to the church about the season. In it, he reminds us to practice the basic Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. He says we should do those things because our hearts have a tendency to become cold and they need to be warmed up again with love.

One thing I often remind people: Lent is not a time for misery, it is not a time to be grumpy. Jesus is clear that when we fast we are to anoint our heads with oil and rejoice. Lent is a time set aside for a special kind of joy.

Lent is a time of repentance, yes, but repentance in the scripture is constantly presented to us as a liberation, as a coming to ourselves, as a release from captivity. Repentance is the true key to joy and blessedness.

Pope Francis says in his letter that “many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!” He goes on to say that “More than anything else, what destroys love is greed for money, the root of all evil.” The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.”

Here is what Pope Francis suggests for our Lenten practice to work against those temptations:

“By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live well. Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church...I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God’s providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.”

During this Lenten season, we will follow the Pope’s advice and focus on those three things. Each week we will have suggestions in the bulletin for prayer and for almsgiving we can do together. We will also make suggestions about the things we can fast from other than food. It is the hope that our Lenten practices will free us and bring us closer to God.

Peace,
Fr. Damian

St. Bernadette Men’s Club Spaghetti Dinner

The 42nd Annual St. Bernadette Men’s Club Spaghetti Dinner will be held Sunday, February 25th, from 10:30-5:30. The meal includes all the spaghetti you care to eat, meatballs or sausage, salad, Italian bread with butter, and a complementary soft drink, or wine for adults. The cost is $9.00 for adults and $5.00 for children under 12. Takeouts are available for an additional $5.00, and there is a family takeout which easily feeds 2 adults and 2 children for $25.00.