Warm Up Winter with KVSS
Help Spirit 102.7-FM (Spirit Catholic Radio) bring warmth to people in the Omaha area as we Warm Up Winter! We’re accepting donations of new KSW socks, coats, mittens, hats and boots for both adults and children. The donated items can be dropped off at our Omaha studios at 13326 A Street or at Catholic Charities of Omaha at 330 N 66th Street. Drop off your new, unwrapped donations of warm, winter gear by December 28th. For more info visit spiritcatholicradio.com and help us Warm Up Winter!

IPF Advent Morning of Reflection
Join the Institute for Priestly Formation for an Advent Morning of Reflection: I Will Not Leave You Orphans, Saturday, December 15th at Christ the King Church. The morning begins with the 8:15 am parish Mass, includes a continental breakfast, presentations by Deacon James Keating and the IPF Staff, time for silent reflection and concludes at noon. There is no charge for the event. For planning purposes, please register on-line at PriestlyFormation.org or call Linda at 402-280-3901.

Archdiocesan Mission to Guatemala
Might you be called to mission? Volunteers from the Archdiocese of Omaha have travelled every summer for the past 15 years, to live and work with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Huehuetenango, Guatemala. If you feel called to an encounter with the living Christ, in the people of a foreign land, come learn more about this summer’s 12-day mission trip at one of the following short meetings: this Sunday, December 9, from 2 to 3 pm at St. Frances Cabrini in the Parish Center Library. If you have questions, please call Mark Zimmer at 402-452-4980.

Christmas Caroling at an Empty Manger
In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Join Nebraskans Embracing Life as we sing carols and share this Christmas hope where it’s needed most - the abortion facilities right here in our community. Where/When: Bellevue, NE- Saturday, December 22nd, 9:00-9:30 am at 1002 W. Mission Ave. (Park at St. Mary School or EPS at 908 W. Mission Ave.); Omaha, NE- Saturday, December 22nd, 11:00-11:30 am at 3105 N. 39th St. (Park at Hope Church, 9131 Binney St.). More Info: Contact Nebraskans Embracing Life at 402-399-0299 or christine@nebraskansembracinglife.org

Marriage Encounter Weekends for 2019
Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. WWME is one of the largest pro-marriage movements in the Catholic Church. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! For more information call Pat & Janelle Bensen 308-940-1105 or visit WWME.org

Upcoming dates: February 15-17 in Nebraska City- Lied Lodge (Arbor Day Farm), March 29-31 in Hastings- Comfort Inn, August 2-4 in Lincoln- Staybridge Suites, and October 8-20 in Chadron- Holiday Inn Express. *Deadline to register is 1 month prior to the date of the weekend*

Poinsettias for Christmas
Your Name (please print)
In Honor of
In Memory of
In Thanksgiving for
Donation Amount
Please enclose this form with cash/check in envelopes at entries and drop in the collection basket through December 24.

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

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

Second Collection This Weekend
There will be a second collection this Weekend, December 8-9, for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

School Program December 11th
All Saints School will be presenting "When Will the Holidays Come" on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in the school gym. They will feature popular and sacred Christmas carols including a few new selections. Everyone is welcome!

Giving Tree
If you haven’t done so yet, please return your gift-bagged or wrapped gift, with the star attached, to the Giving Tree when you come to Mass next weekend, December 15-16. Thanks for your generosity and participation. If you wanted a star and didn’t get one, gift cards for our St. Vincent de Paul team to use are greatly appreciated. Just put them in an envelope with SVDP on the outside and turn them in under the tree with the other gifts.

Soup Luncheon
Dietz Memorial United Methodist Church invites you to an Advent soup luncheon at 12 noon on December 16. Freewill offering accepted.

Poinsettias for Christmas
We would again like to invite you to consider remembering loved family and friends this Christmas by making a donation of any amount in their memory. Your donation will be used to help purchase poinsettias for the Church this Christmas season. Please fill out the form at the bottom of the bulletin. There are envelopes for your remembrance forms and donation located at each entrance to the church. You may return your remembrance during Offertory or at the Cabrini Center. Thank you for your special remembrance this Christmas.

Sodality Christmas Party Postponed
The Sodality Christmas party scheduled for last Sunday was postponed due to weather. It will be held this Sunday, December 9th, at 4:30 pm at Casco’s Steakhouse.

Upcoming Schedule

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These may be hard days for you to admit to your friends that you are an active member of a Catholic parish. You may find yourself ducking the religion questions at gatherings of co-workers so that you do not have to defend what seems indefensible. The church you have long loved has embarrassed you with its failure to act to protect young people. When the press reports of impotency in dioceses across the country, it probably seems like past problems are now appearing all at once. The publicity will not go away soon. Perhaps the bishops of the world, when they gather in February, will find a solution to this worldwide problem. Until the light of truth has shone in all the dark places, the problem will continue to roll out slowly around the world. The evil of the past has come to an end, the plan for the future is not yet revealed.

The list released by the Archdiocese includes those who had only one accusation against them as well as those who were repeat offenders and criminals. There is much variety in the cases listed.

For those of you who are long-time parishioners at Cabrini, you may have been shocked to see the name of Fr. Al McMahon on the list of those who had substantiated accusations against them from the past. He was a beloved pastor here at Cabrini and you may wonder how it is possible that he is on the list.

At a meeting of the Priest Council this past week, Fr. Hastings, the Vicar for Clergy, made it very clear to us that we are living in a different world. The past approach of the church to protect local communities and keep things quiet has been replaced by a vibrant attempt to make all things public. The Nebraska Attorney General had asked for all clergy files since 1978. What the Archdiocese has presented are all cases since then.

Fr. McMahon may have done wonderful ministry at Cabrini, yet at some point in the 1970’s he crossed a line with a couple of young people; their accounts of what transpired were found credible. Fr. McMahon did not deny the allegations. The information did not come to the Archbishop’s office until 1998. Fr. McMahon was already retired from active ministry and because of that there was no announcement made at the time.

The grace of God was still working through Fr. McMahon despite his human failures and he may have deeply touched a life. That has not changed. What has changed is that employees of the Archdiocese who cross a line will no longer be able to work in ministry and their actions will no longer be kept quiet. The public accountability will protect other young people from suffering. None of us should be defined by our worst day or our worst action; however, there are consequences for our actions.

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It is my hope that you will be able to be proud of your church again in the near future, though it may take a generation or two before this is truly behind us. There has been a vigorous effort on the part of local dioceses to change things and the number of new accusations has dropped dramatically. Our vocation numbers are smaller, but the quality of the candidates have improved. There is still much to do.

In the meantime, we need your help. You are the Church. Help us make this Church new and fresh. We, ministers, simply serve you as you do the important work of building the Kingdom of God in our world. I am so sorry that we failed you in the past. For those of you who suffered from the abuse, there are no words to adequately express my deepest feelings of sorrow. You, sadly, experienced the failures of the institutional church. I wish I could take your pain away. I cannot. Please forgive us.

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May the light of truth bring us to a new understanding. Please believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is now moving in a new direction. We are committed to healing the damage that was done to the Church in the past. The Archdiocese is now changing the culture of the Church and we will continue to change things. We know that the Church is now in a different situation, but we will continue to work towards a better Church.

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December 2, 2018

Stewardship - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Stewardship