

**Mass with the Students**

Mass with the students is at 8:20 am Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Stations of the Cross will follow school Masses on Fridays during Lent.



**All Saints Collections**

All Saints Catholic School is collecting Supermercado/Family Fare Receipts, Box Tops, Our Family UPCs, and Coke lids from bottles and pop tabs. Please drop these off at the School or the Cabrini Parish Center reception desk (9 am to 4 pm M-F) or in the Sunday collection baskets. We love and appreciate your participation!

**Parish and Community Happenings**

**Stewardship—March 1, 2020**

*“It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” MATTHEW 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

**OTOC Issue Cafe:**

Decriminalizing Mental Illness will be the topic on Tuesday, February 25th, 6:45-8 pm at Urban Abbey (1026 Jackson St.) with Director of Douglas County Jail Mike Meyers and Douglas County Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson. Join the Mental Health Action Team for a panel exploring solutions to keeping people with mental illness out of the Criminal Justice system. OTOC’s Annual Spring fundraiser is March 28th from 6-9:30 pm at the Omaha Design Center (1502 Cuming). Tickets are \$25, available from OTOC leaders or call the office at 402-344-4401.

**Holy Hour of Prayer for the End of Abortion**

Rev. Marcus Knecht will lead us in prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament from 2-3 pm on March 14th at St. James Catholic Church (4720 No. 90th St.). Light refreshments and 40 Days for Life materials will be available in the Parish Center, following the Holy Hour. Questions, call Lauren at 402-553-7163 or [Lbopp4Life@gmail.com](mailto:Lbopp4Life@gmail.com). Sponsored by Nebraskans Embracing Life/40 Days for Life & St. James Pro-Life Committee.

**Ignatian Lenten Morning of Reflection**

Please join us for a Lenten Morning of Reflection entitled, “Letting Jesus Prepare Us for the Gift of Lent” presented by Fr. Andy Alexander, SJ. The event is Saturday, March 7th at Mercy High School, 9 to 11:30 am. Doors open at 8:30 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided. A free will donation is greatly appreciated. Please register for this event at [www.ivcusa.org/omaha](http://www.ivcusa.org/omaha) or call Anne Mollner at 402-658-0586. Presented by Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha.

**IPF Lenten Morning of Reflection**

The Institute of Priestly Formation presents “Our Savior, Not Superman”, a Lenten Morning of Reflection by Deacon James Keating, at Christ the King Church (654 South 86th St.), Saturday March 14th beginning with Mass at 8:15, followed by a continental breakfast, the presentation, prayer, reflection time, and ending at 12 noon. For more information: [www.priestlyformation.org](http://www.priestlyformation.org) or call Linda at 402-280-3901.

**40 Ways of Lent**

Monday <i>Prayer</i>	Tuesday <i>Caring</i>	Wednesday <i>Action</i>	Thursday <i>Learning</i>	Friday <i>Fasting</i>	Saturday <i>Time With God</i>	Sunday <i>Mass Readings</i>
<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 3</b>	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 5</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>March 7</b>	<b>March 8</b>
Pray “Jesus I love you” between tasks today	Pay-It-Forward where you can today	Light a candle at church and pray for someone	Research a Saint you know little about and pray for their intercession	Fast from getting worked up over small annoyances	Pray and meditate on the Divine Mercy Chaplet	“This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him”



**First Sunday of Lent  
March 1, 2020**

**Second Collection This Weekend**

There will be a second collection taken at all the Masses this weekend for the Black and Indian Missions.

**Lent at Cabrini**

The 2020 **Lenten program**, *Be Opened – A Journey to New Life (Reflections on the Sunday Gospels – Lent and Easter Sunday)* meets in the Parish Center at 12 noon or 7 pm – whichever time works best for you. All are welcome!

**40 Ways of Lent** consists of daily suggestions of ways you can reach out this Lent. It will be online as well as published weekly in the bulletin (see back page). Feel free to trade activities or days if something doesn’t work for you at a given time.

**Adoration and Stations of the Cross** will be on Friday evenings. Join us for adoration and benediction from 6-7 pm, followed by the Stations at 7 pm.

**Parish Mission** will be March 22-24.

The Lenten **Reconciliation Service** will be Wednesday evening, March 25th at 6:30 pm.

**Holy Tridium:** Holy Thursday Service at 7 pm April 9th, followed by adoration; Good Friday services at 3 pm and 7 pm (same service both times); Easter Vigil begins at 8 pm; Easter Sunday services at 9 am and 11 am (no evening Mass).

**All Saints Catholic School Hiring Para**

ASCS is hiring a full-time para for grades 1-3. Contact Mrs. Terri Bush directly at 402-346-5757 or [Terri@allsaintscs.org](mailto:Terri@allsaintscs.org)

**ASCS Mystery Game Night**

Grab your friends and join us for a mystery game on Friday, March 6th, at 7 pm. The fun will take place at All Saints Catholic School. Light appetizers and drinks are included. This event supports: *On Cue: Rehearsal for Real Life*, a performing arts program offered at All Saints and Sacred Heart Catholic Schools. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 at [oncueomaha.com](http://oncueomaha.com) or by emailing [director@oncueomaha.com](mailto:director@oncueomaha.com)

**Upcoming Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 3</b>	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 5</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>March 7</b>	<b>March 8</b>
<b>Alpha Connect 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Alpha 6 pm</b>	<b>ACTS Bible Study 6:30 pm</b>	<b>“Be Opened” Series 12 noon or 7 pm</b>  <b>Spaghetti Dinner Meeting 7 pm</b>  <b>Taize 8 pm</b>	<b>Adoration 6 pm</b> <b>Stations 7 pm</b>		<b>Daylight Savings Time</b>





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## Liturgy and Mass Schedule

### Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Mar. 3	8:20 AM	+George & Gertrude Paige
Wednesday, Mar. 4	8:20 AM	+Joseph & Nellie Cuva
Thursday, Mar. 5	8:20 AM	Communion Service
Friday, Mar. 6	8:20 AM	+John & Mary Ann Nicolini
Saturday, Mar. 7	5:00 PM	+Helen Butera
Sunday, Mar. 8	9:00 AM	+John W. Albers Sr.
Sunday, Mar. 8	11:00 AM	+Virginia Simpson
Sunday, Mar. 8	5:30 PM	+Joseph & Mary Ellen McNulty

### 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  
(northwest room of the Church)

## Stewardship

### February 22-23

Sunday Tithes- Collections	\$	4,311.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	55.00
Organ Fund	\$	35.00
Improvement Fund	\$	25.00
Furnace Debt Reduction Fund	\$	168.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	557.00

## Sick and Recovering

Please pray for the sick and those recovering including: Jim Mally, Ned Kowker, Tina Ruma, Jackie Brooks, Paul Thomas Pojar, Rick Bower, Tiffany Pojar, and all those in our nursing homes.

(To add or remove a name on our list, please email [bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com](mailto:bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com) or call 402-934-7706. Please have the person's permission to print their name publicly before submitting their name.)

## Growing In Faith

### Alpha

"Spring" Alpha is nearing its end—on March 17th. **Summer Alpha** for Young Adults (ages 20-35) will be June 9 - August 18 with Saturday, July 25 for Retreat Day. **Fall Alpha** (for all ages) will run September 8 - November 17, plus Saturday, October 24th. Contact Ann Lenz at 402-990-3296 or [amlenz@archomaha.org](mailto:amlenz@archomaha.org) to sign up now, or if you have any questions.



### Bible Study

We will cover the 5th Session, Chapter 4 of ACTS on Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join us. This will conclude our spring session and we will resume our study of ACTS beginning September 10th.

### Taizé Prayer at St. Frances Cabrini Church

Please join us Thursday, March 5th at 8 pm.



### Safe Environment Training

In preparation for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner all volunteers are encouraged to attend a Safe Environment training session. The classes are 2 to 2 ½ hours in length and cover such topics as how to recognize boundary violations, grooming and abuse. You also learn how to take action and who to call if you have suspicions that abuse is occurring. Please check the Archdiocesan website under the Safe Environment tab to register for a class at [archomaha.org](http://archomaha.org). Any questions call Fay Sampson at 402-827-3794. Upcoming sessions are on March 3rd, 14th, and April 6th (none are offered at Cabrini before the Spaghetti Dinner).

### Bulletin Additions

To have information published in the upcoming bulletin, please email [bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com](mailto:bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening.

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

The first Sunday of Lent we are offered the temptation of Jesus in the desert as our gospel. It is a moment in Jesus' life that may strike many people as odd. Why does Jesus have to go through this? Why do any of us have to go through temptations?

C.S. Lewis made this observation on resisting temptation:

*Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. After all, you find out the strength of the German army by fighting against it, not by giving in. You find out the strength of a wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness—they have lived a sheltered life by always giving in. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means—the only complete realist.*

The reality in our lives is that the process of becoming holy is necessarily a halting affair. We cannot move forward toward holiness without the light of God's truth, and there are times that God's light seems hidden and that is part of the process. If we are to love God, then we must not only know God but also have the humility to trust God's goodness, even in the dark.

The idea of being purged through dark or challenging times is biblical to the core. Sometimes the darkness is a result of choosing to sin. For example, Israel in both their wilderness wanderings and their Babylonian exile. Other times, it is a means to deepen your reliance on God alone, such as Jesus' temptation in the wilderness or Paul's "thorn in the flesh." In either case, the result remains the same: God is your all-in-all, and God's grace is sufficient for you. Yes, we cannot move forward without the gracious light of God's truth, and the times that light is hidden are part of the process.

Too often, we view those dark nights of the soul, as a bad thing, as a hindrance or a failure. It is true that those times can be a result of sin, and we should be able to recognize those times because we know our sin. But there are other times where there is no sin that has beset us, and we do ourselves no favors by racking our brains trying to think of one. This is because purging is not a failure; it is a part of the plan.

Most spiritual journeys will not be a straight line. God is not a straight line. God is a loving Creator, and God's movements are artful, purposeful, and loving. The time Jesus spends in the desert is surprising, but it is also a time where his mission is focused and he emerges from the desert with a clear message to deliver and a destiny to accomplish.

That it is possible for all of us to overcome temptation is obvious from Scripture; that overcoming temptation is a divine work and not human should be equally obvious. We need to call on God and receive God's help to discern what is good, to choose the good and to resist the temptation to take another road. Jesus gives us a clear example today by referring to scripture when tempted. He uses the wisdom of God to resist what may have seemed good at the time – food, power, safety.

May Lent be a time for us to focus on God's goodness even in a time of darkness and temptation. When all about you are feeling despair, may you be a source of strength because your trust is in God alone.

Peace,

Fr. Damian

### Sodality News

Sodality will be selling 1/2 pound fudge bunnies (made and donated by the Old Market Candy Shop) this lent. Cost is \$12 and they come packaged for Easter. Pre-payment is required when ordering. Order forms will be available at the Church entrances. Sodality members will be available in the back of Church after Masses March 14th and 15th, or the forms and payment can be put in the offering collection baskets. Delivery will be April 4th-5th after Masses. Proceeds will go towards purchasing prayer books for this year's First Communicants and other Sodality projects for the Church.

Sodality will be praying the rosary in Church at 8 am on the First Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join us. See you Saturday March 7th!