

Important Dates to Remember

First reconciliation December 9th

All Saints Catholic School Collections

All Saints Catholic School is collecting HyVee, 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.



Taize Prayer, Thursday, December 3rd at 8 pm

Taize Prayer is a peace-filled service of song, silence and contemplation. All are welcome!

Full of Grace

Join the Institute of Priestly Formation for an Advent Morning of Reflection, Saturday, December 12th, at St. Vincent de Paul Church (Note: New location). The morning begins with Mass at 10 am followed by presentations by IPF Staff: Reverend Brian Welter and Reverend James Rafferty, followed by time for silent reflection, and concludes at noon. CDC guidelines will be observed. This event is also being lives-treamed from IPF's website and Facebook pages. There is no charge for the event. For more information, go to PriestlyFormation.org or call Linda at (402) 280-3901.

Next Alpha Course

The Spring Alpha at St. Frances Cabrini will begin on Tuesday, January 19th, and will gather each week via Zoom until Tuesday, March 30th. Each session begins promptly at 6 pm and concludes at 7:15 pm. The day-away will be Saturday, March 6th (from 10:30 am to 1 pm). You won't want to miss it! Since these are Zoom sessions, this is a great opportunity for you to invite family and friends who don't live in the Omaha area or don't have Alpha near them to take advantage of this great opportunity. For more information or to register, please contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org

Thank you for Coats

The St. Frances Cabrini St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for the coat donations for the St. Vincent de Paul coat giveaway that was held at St. Peter's on November 7th. We gave away over 2,000 coats, 1,000 new kids coats, 6,000 hats, gloves and scarves. Thanks always for your continued support and prayers for our friends and neighbors in need.

Cabrini Notecards for Sale

4 x 5 notecards in packages of 10 and prints remain for sale at the Cabrini Parish Center. You may stop by to see/ purchase them between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. Flat notecards are \$15, Folded notecards are \$20, 12 x 18 prints are \$50 and 14 x 20 are \$75.

Rejoice Meditation for Advent

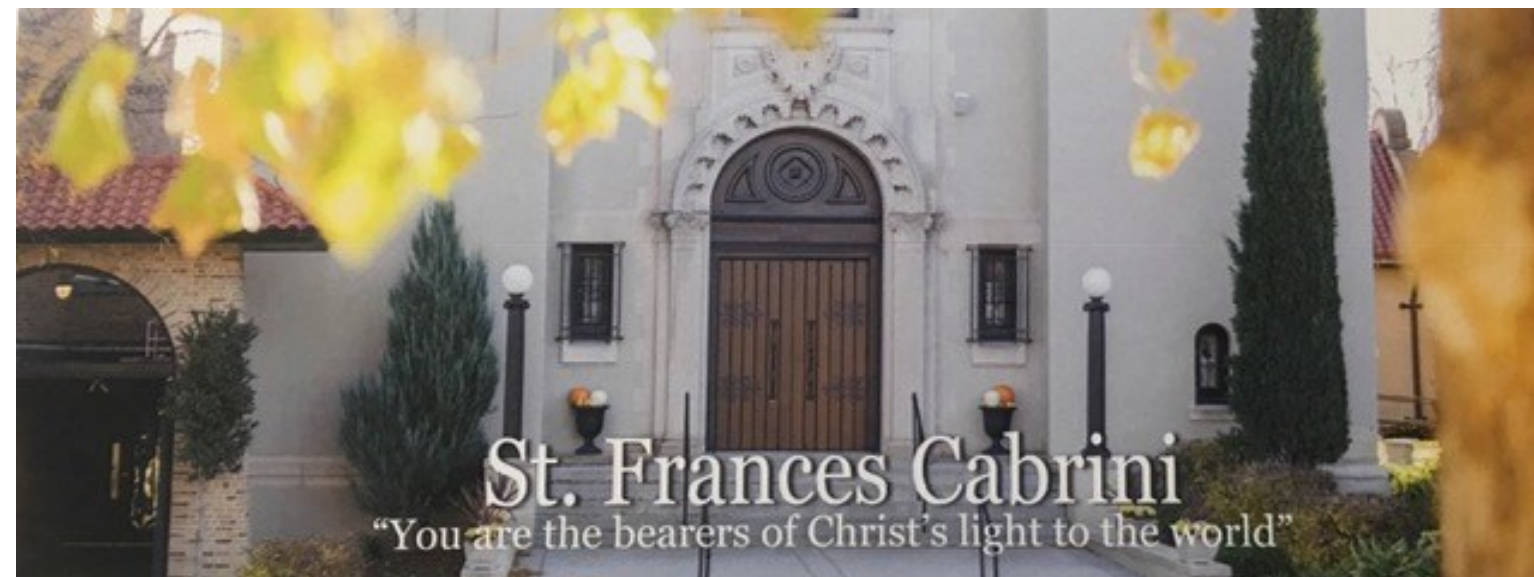
Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family is a prayer resource with daily meditations that will enrich your Advent by inviting you to experience the first Advent with Joseph and Mary, as they await the birth of their son, the Savior of the world. Together with guided meditation videos, this journal will help you to see the marriage of Mary and Joseph in a new light. You will ponder what was in their hearts and minds as they awaited the birth of Jesus—and you will be invited to reflect on and deepen your own relationships with others. Rejoice! will help you open your heart to the peace and joy of the Holy Family as you prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas. For more info on how families may use this resource, please visit www.rejoiceprogram.com or contact the Family Life Office in the Archdiocese of Omaha at (402)-551-9003 or Staff.FLO@archomaha.org

Poinsettias for Christmas

Your name (please print) _____

In honor of _____

Donation amount _____



**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**

Book Club

Please join us as we read and discuss *Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World* by Bob Goff. This is the book many of you received in the fall delivery from the parish, or it can be found at most book stores and through Amazon. This Tuesday, December 1st – we will be discussing chapters 7 through 13.

A New Light Shines Advent for Families 2020 – Daily Reflections, Prayers and Actions for home.

Please pick up your booklet. They are located inside the doors of our church. If you need one delivered, please contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org or (402) 990-3296.

Giving Tree 2020

Due to the circumstances with Covid and social distancing, instead of actual gift buying, the Sodality is asking for gift cards to stores like Target, Walmart, etc. for the parents to use the cards for needed items for their children. A basket will be set out the weekends of December 5-6 and 12-13, to collect the gift cards. Thank you for your support of the ASCS children!

Poinsettias for Christmas

It has been a lovely custom here at Christmastime to remember beloved family and friends by making a poinsettia donation in their honor. Your donation will be used to help purchase poinsettias for our church this Christmas season. Please fill out the form on the back page of the bulletin and return the form and your monetary donation using an envelop marked "Poinsettias", which are located at each entrance to the church. You may place your donation in the Offertory basket when entering the church or deliver to the Cabrini Parish Center across the street. Thank you.

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6
	Book Club 7 pm (Zoom)	Genesis Bible Study with Fr. Damian 7 pm (Live/Zoom)	Taize Prayer 8 pm (Live/Facebook)			The Wild Goose 7 pm (Zoom)



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Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 1	11:30 AM	+Weronica Jablonski
Wednesday, Dec. 2	11:30 AM	+Parishioner's Deceased Loved Ones
Thursday, Dec. 3	11:30 AM	+Virginia Tranisi
Friday, Dec. 4	11:30 AM	+Elsie E. Peters
Saturday, Dec. 5	5:00 PM	Maddy Miller (Healing)
Sunday, Dec. 6	9:00 AM	+Joseph Vocelka
Sunday, Dec. 7	11:00 AM	+Deceased Members Nocita Family
Sunday, Dec. 8	5:30 PM	Pro Populo

Other Masses Schedule

There are no Masses at St. Joseph's Villa or Tower at this time.

Reconciliation Schedule

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

Bulletin Additions

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

Sick and Recovering

Please pray for the sick and those recovering including: Joseph Sedlak, Lisa Reboloso, Barbara Burton, Larry & Glenda Davis, Maddy Miller, and all those in our nursing homes.

(To add or remove a name on our list, please email bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com or call (402) 934-7706.

Stewardship

First Sunday of Advent

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Weekly Collections November 21-22

Will be available in next week's bulletin.

Parish Events

Mass Intentions for 2021

The 2021 Mass Intention Forms are in the back of the church. You may return them by mail, bring to the Parish Office or put in an envelope labeled "Mass Intention" and place in the weekend collection basket. We ask that you please return this form by December 11th, 2020. This form is for your convenience. Mass Intentions can also be requested throughout the year.

Advent Invitation

As we enter into this Advent season (when the suffering of refugees and immigrants in our world seems more severe than ever) we can try to effect change by prayerful witness. The group Mother's and Others: Justice and Mercy for Immigrants holds a witness every Thursday from 8 - 9 am along 72nd Street in front of Mercy Villa, (just North of College of St. Mary). We invite anyone interested to come join us on December 10th (or any other Thursday) as we stand with banners and posters (which are provided) in solidarity with those who are fleeing violence, hunger, and natural disasters. Note: Masks are required and social distancing is expected.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

We enter the Advent Season. A time of longing, a walking in darkness, a time filled with the hope of the return of our Savior, a time of quiet, long winter nights, a time when one little light can pierce the gloom...

Are you familiar with Emily Dickinson's poem about darkness?

We Grow Accustomed to the Dark

We grow accustomed to the Dark –
When light is put away –
As when the Neighbor holds the Lamp
To witness her Goodbye –

A Moment — We uncertain step
For newness of the night –
Then — fit our Vision to the Dark –
And meet the Road — erect –

And so of larger — Darkness –
Those Evenings of the Brain –
When not a Moon disclose a sign –
Or Star — come out — within –

The Bravest — grope a little –
And sometimes hit a Tree
Directly in the Forehead –
But as they learn to see –

Either the Darkness alters –
Or something in the sight
Adjusts itself to Midnight –
And Life steps almost straight.

Yes, we do grow accustomed to darkness. As Dickinson suggests, perhaps that accommodation to darkness can be an image for our spiritual life. Do we continue to move forward when times are tough or do we stop because we are afraid, too dark? Have we grown accustomed to expecting less in our spiritual journey and given up the struggle because of the challenges? Have we stopped walking in the dark? Advent reminds us to renew the struggle to look for the tiny moments of God in the midst of our present darkness. After all, no one would have looked for God in a newborn baby in the small town of Bethlehem in a barn where animals slept. Yet that is precisely where God was.

Advent invites us to look with fresh eyes in places where we stopped looking because it was too dark. We may bump our heads as Dickinson says, but if we strive, we will learn to see in the dark. We must not give up on God when it gets dark. Our world has grown more challenging. That darkness may feel altogether too much. Advent tells us, God is still to be found. When it is really dark, His light can pierce the gloom.

Peace,

Fr. Damian