

Important Dates to Remember

Christmas break is December 21–January 1
School will be virtual January 4 -15, 2021



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.

Come and See Class to Begin in January

We will be starting a class for those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith and/or join the Church family in January. Those desiring to join the Parish will be brought into the Church at Eastertime. Please contact Deacon Doug at dalenz@archomaha.org for more information.

Letter of Thanks from Holy Family Community Center

Dear Friends,
We appreciate your recent donation to Holy Family Community Center and are thrilled to have you as a donor! If you have any questions about what we do please feel free to contact us. You can also check out our website www.holyfamilyomaha.org for the latest information on our work in the community.....the Society and our neighbors appreciate your help so much. It is your giving spirit that sustains us in our efforts to serve those who are in need. You will be remembered in the prayers of the Society. May God Bless you!
Signed by Bruce Noble, Director of Holy Family Ministries.

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

Advent with Catholic Cemeteries

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Omaha invites those who have experienced the death of a loved one to join us on Wednesday, December 16th, at 6 pm at Holy Angels Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. We will pray for your peace and healing as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. Come leave your prayer petitions on the Christmas tree of remembrance and hope. Your petitions will be offered in prayer all of Advent and presented silently at the January 4th Memorial Mass in Holy Angels Mausoleum. After this Mass these petitions will be buried on the Cemetery grounds. For further information, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at (402)-391-3711 or by email at jtardy@catholiccem.com

Cabrini Watercolor-Print Notecards Available for Christmas

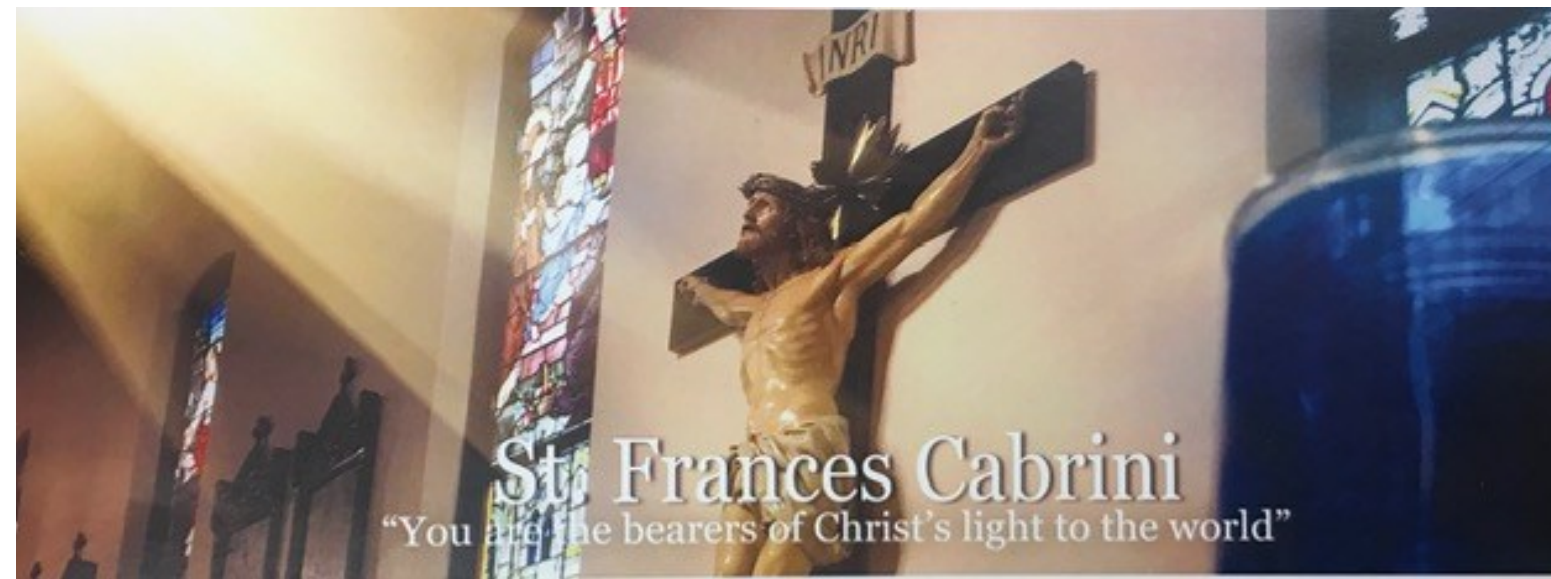
4 x 5 notecards in packages of 10 and prints remain for sale at the Cabrini Parish Center. You may stop by to see/purchase them between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. Flat notecards are \$15, Folded notecards are \$20, 12 x 18 prints are \$50 and 14 x 20 prints are \$75.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Your name (please print) _____

In honor of _____

Donation amount _____



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020**

Special Collection this Weekend

There is a special collection this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donations may be put in the basket at the entrance, or mailed to or brought to the Cabrini Parish Center, 1248 So. 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68108.

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 15th – we will be discussing chapters 21 through 26. Contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org to receive the Zoom link if interested in participating.

Giving Tree 2020

This is the last weekend, December 12-13, we collect gift cards for the Giving Tree. Thank you for your support of the All Saints Catholic School 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 envelope 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.

Church Decorations

We will be setting up the creche and trees and doing some of the decorating in church next Sunday, December 20th, following the 11 am Mass. Your help is appreciated.

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20
	Book Club 7 pm (Zoom)					Church Decorating after 11 am Mass



Saint Frances Cabrini Church

Rev. Damian Zuerlein, Pastor
E-mail: djzuerlein@archomaha.org
(402)-934-7706

Deacon Doug Lenz, Pastoral Associate
E-mail: dalenz@archomaha.org
Deacon Larry Mruz

Ann Lenz, Facilitator of Faith Formation
(402) 990-3296 or amlenz@archomaha.org

Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 15	11:30 AM	+Helen Butera
Wednesday, Dec. 16	11:30 AM	+Ronald Cavalieri
Thursday, Dec. 17	11:30 AM	Mary Ann Rohleder (Healing)
Friday, Dec. 18	11:30 AM	+Al Reinig
Saturday, Dec. 19	5:00 PM	+Pat Sweeney Family
Sunday, Dec. 20	9:00 AM	+Sue Matsui
Sunday, Dec. 20	11:00 AM	+Rose Mary Welch
Sunday, Dec. 20	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 Setlak, 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

Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Weekly Collections December 5-6

Sunday Tithes— Collections	\$	8,053.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	10.00
Organ Fund	\$	35.00
Improvement Fund	\$	221.00
Furnace Debt Reduction Fund	\$	241.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	1,429.00

Happenings

CHRISTMAS HUSH

May the quietness of Christmas,
The calm and holy hush
Of that first Advent season,
Still our Christmas rush.

May our memories of the manger
Reassure us, ease the stress
Of troubled hearts in troubled times
With His peace and quietness.

---Kay L. Halliwill

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

A part of the Advent celebration in a number of different places in the world is the feast of St. Lucy, December 13th. It is most especially celebrated in Italy and Scandinavia and...Omaha.

Santa Lucia, or Saint Lucy, was persecuted for her faith around 300, making her one of the early Christian martyrs. According to the traditional story, the virtuous young woman had dedicated her life to following Jesus but other people had different plans for her. When she refused to go along with their plans, they banished her to a brothel, but soldiers could not move her. They proceeded to torture her, gouge out her eyes and finally killed her. Her faith and her courage are celebrated to this very day.

Perhaps not coincidentally, Lucia translates to "light" in Latin. Held around the darkest time of year, Santa Lucia's feast day celebrations often center around light, offering revelers a reason to gather together, burn candles and torches, and enjoy an abundance of food and drink.

Traditional celebrations of Santa Lucia vary according to the region. In northern Italy, Santa Lucia is said to visit homes on the eve of December 13, riding her donkey, to give presents to good and obedient children. Families thoughtfully leave out coffee and cake for the saint, and water and hay for the donkey to refresh them for their next visit.

In Sicily, Santa Lucia is honored with traditional religious processions and Masses. Lucy's hometown of Siracusa begins the celebration the night before by moving her statue from its chapel to the high altar of her candle-lit cathedral. On December 13, a procession carries the statue throughout the entire city, making stops at the most important cathedrals and finally the Ionian Sea. Parades also happen in nearby Carlentini, the community many Omaha families call home.

The Scandinavian tradition involves the oldest daughter wearing a white dress and a wreath of candles on her head. Nowadays, that wreath is done with batteries and LED lights rather than the lit candles of old! Often times, the Advent wreath is what would end up on the head of the oldest daughter. Special rolls were served in the past but now cinnamon rolls, muffins, or a box of donuts are options that often times appear.

Here in Omaha, the big celebration for Santa Lucia is held in June when the weather is a bit warmer. Several days of processions, prayers, food and drink are then enjoyed by everyone.

What can you do to remember Santa Lucia's feast day this year? How about a special dinner by candlelight? Or if you have a fireplace, it would be a great night to sit by the fire and tell traditional stories. Young and old enjoy being mesmerized by a fire! Maybe you could play some family games involving vision, like I Spy.

Or, perhaps, you could pray together as a family, asking for St. Lucy's intercession for any darkness in your life. St. Lucy stayed strong and died rather than betray her faith. Pray for her strength of faith to stay strong through the darkness of our days. If you know of anyone struggling with Covid or any other illness, Santa Lucia would be a good one to ask for help.

Peace,

Fr. Damian