

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.

Full of Grace

Join the Institute of Priestly Formation for an Advent Morning of Reflection, this 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 live-streamed 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

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 each Wednesday of Advent, December 9th and 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 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 prints are \$75.

Catholic Charities CONNECT Forum

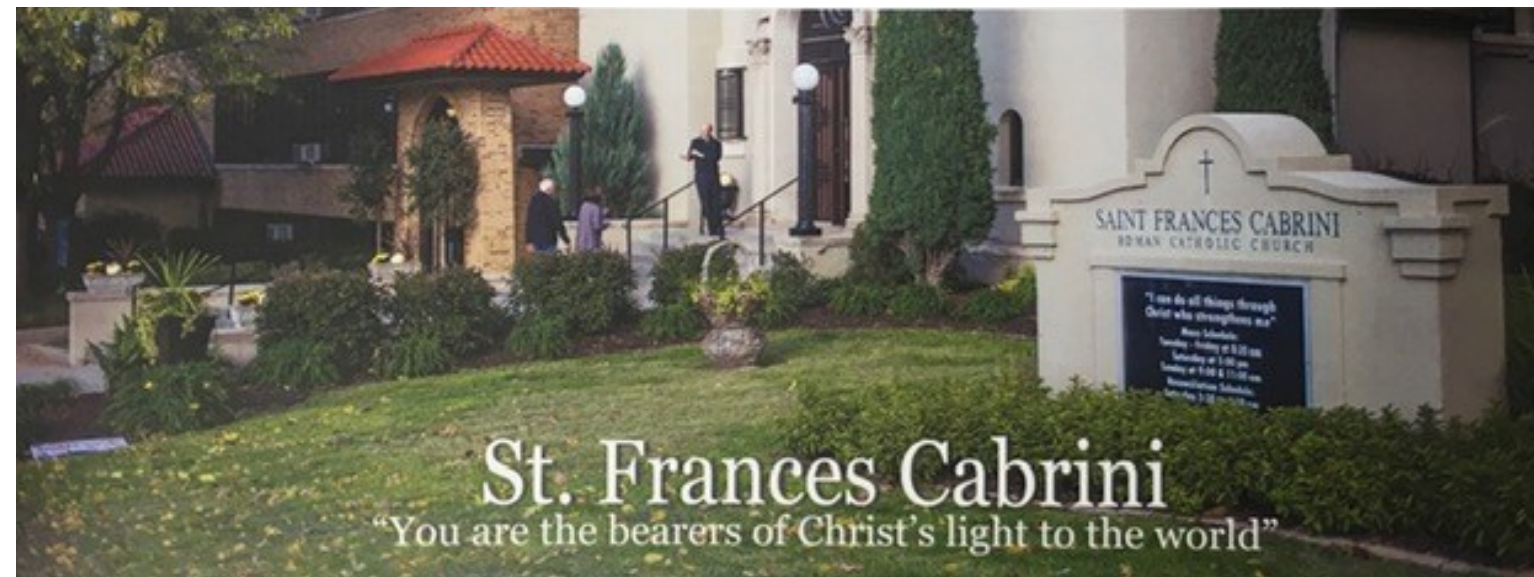
People are living longer. For healthy aging, it is important to understand both the biological changes and the significance of Faith life on longevity and mental health. Please join us virtually for the next Catholic Charities The Parish CONNECT Forum—Living Longer and the Connection of Faith and Mental Health, via Zoom on Tuesday, December 15th, noon to 1 pm, featuring Dr. Roberto Cervantes, a psychiatrist for CHI Health, and contributing author of the *Wiley Handbook on the Aging Mind and Brain*. For more information and to **RSVP** for this free forum, go to ccomaha.org

Poinsettias for Christmas

Your name (please print) _____

In honor of _____

Donation amount _____



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 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 8th – we will be discussing chapters 14 through 20.

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 this weekend, December 5-6, and next weekend, December 12-13, to collect the gift cards. 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.

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13
Alpha Connect 6:30 pm (Zoom)	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Book Club 7 pm (Zoom)					The Wild Goose 7 pm (Zoom)



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Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec. 7	5:30 PM	+Shelly Semin
Tuesday, Dec. 8	11:30 AM	+Martha Gillespie
Tuesday, Dec. 8	5:30 PM	+Joan Chonis
Wednesday, Dec. 9	11:30 AM	+Chuck Oddo
Thursday, Dec. 10	11:30 AM	+Butch Turco
Friday, Dec. 11	11:30 AM	+Ludvik, Pauline, Larry Vampola & Gary
Saturday, Dec. 12	5:00 PM	+Virginia Simpson
Sunday, Dec. 13	9:00 AM	+Ben Vandenberg
Sunday, Dec. 13	11:00 AM	St. Lucy Feast Day
Sunday, Dec. 13	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

Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3
We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

Weekly Collections November 21-22

Sunday Tithe- Collections	\$	5,085.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	45.00
Organ Fund	\$	70.00
Improvement Fund	\$	25.00
Furnace Debt Reduction Fund	\$	75.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	230.00

Weekly Collections November 28-29

Sunday Tithe- Collections	\$	4,453.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	30.00
Organ Fund	\$	0.00
Improvement Fund	\$	0.00
Furnace Debt Reduction Fund	\$	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	11,577.00
Campaign for Human Development		303.00

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.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

What does the Pope do when bishops, priests and lay Catholics stop coming to Rome to visit? What does he do when he gets caught up on all those delayed phone calls and emails? What does he do when he is finished with appointing bishops and cardinals? If it is Pope Francis, he writes a letter to all of us. A letter that has taken the form of a book. It was just published this past week and is titled *Let Us Dream*.

The letter is written for our present moment. It is a letter written out of pastoral concern for us. I have only gotten through about a third of the book this week and have found it easy to read and insightful. You might buy it as a Christmas gift to yourself.

In the book, Pope Francis reflects on the blessings and challenges of living through a time of pandemic and quarantine. He reflects on three other times in his life when he was in a crisis and forced into a time of isolation from others. Let me give you a sample to encourage you to pick up the book yourself:

"Any disruption to our daily lives releases a great number of feelings and reactions. In some cases lockdown led to an increase in domestic violence because many people don't know how to live together. There was a notable increase in aggression, in sexual and physical abuse – very painful things. But in other cases, lockdown brought to the surface fraternal feelings that strengthened bonds. Parents could play more with their children, husbands and wives could discuss matters in new depth.

A 'stoppage' can always be a good time for sifting, for reviewing the past, for remembering with gratitude who we are, what we have been given, and where we have gone astray.

These are moments in life that can be ripe for change and conversion. Each of us has had their own 'stoppage,' or if we haven't yet, we will someday: illness, the failure of a marriage or a business, some great disappointment or betrayal. As in the Covid lockdown, those moments generate a tension, a crisis that reveals what is in our hearts.

At such moments, we need others to walk with us. Some of us are allergic to doctors, but if you want to avoid unnecessary suffering or even the risk of worse pain or illness, you need to seek guidance. The same is true when you're suffering an internal or personal crisis; you need to find people who are wise, who have been through the fire, people who can help you navigate what is to come.

In every personal 'Covid,' so to speak, in every 'stoppage,' what is revealed is what needs to change: our lack of internal freedom, the idols we have been serving, the ideologies we have tried to live by, the relationships we have neglected. What is the greatest fruit of a personal Covid? I'd say patience, sprinkled with a healthy sense of humor, which allows us to endure and make space for change to happen."

The book is divided into three parts following the traditional "see, judge, act" approach. It ends with a poem from a Cuban actor living in Miami, Alexis Valdes, written in the midst of one of the lockdowns. Like the book itself, the poem expresses great hope in the midst of present challenge.

Peace,

Fr. Damian

This Tuesday is a Holy Day

This Tuesday, December 8th, is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day. Anticipatory Mass will be Monday evening at 5:30 pm. Masses on Tuesday are 11:30 am and 5:30 pm. (No recorded Mass is planned).